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FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGING Reassuring Moscow Communique

AXIS CHANGE OF PLAN

An appeal to Australian communists and left-wing supporters to give their wholehearted support to the Federal Government as Soviet workers are supporting theirs, was made by Mr. Hughes, the Navy Minister in a Sydney broadcast last night.

The Empire, he said, was taking full advantage of the Heaven-sent opportunity to smite Germany.

A month ago, the mighty Nazi war machine was poised to attack Suez and the Axis partner might simultaneously have attacked Singapore.

All had been arranged, he declared, adding that the scene had now changed.

Mr. Hughes castigated that small section of "the very nicest people" who suspected and distrusted the British-Soviet Pact.

"They would rather Nazism won than that the Soviet should help to save us from Nazi domination. God save us from such narrow-minded and treacherous counsels. I welcome the alliance with this great Power with unbounded satisfaction."—Reuter.

TOBRUK SORTIES

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in the Middle East yesterday stated that offensive patrols from the British forces on Tobruk have been active.

In a recent hand-to-hand encounter the British captured prisoners and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, who were surprised in their positions. So successful was one of these raids that it was incorrectly described in an enemy communique as a serious attempt to break out of Tobruk. Abyssinia—no change.

Syria—action is now in progress to give effect to the terms of the convention signed on Monday.—Reuter.

SOVIET RAID ON BUCHAREST

AN AIR RAID ON BUCHAREST ON MONDAY WAS ANNOUNCED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL. STATES A DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The communique reads: "Enemy aircraft dropped a large

Successes In North And South: Panzers Cut Off

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOURTH DAY OF THE TREMENDOUS BATTLE RAGING ON THREE SECTORS OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT BRINGS A REASSURING MOSCOW HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE, WHICH GIVES A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

According to this communique, the German thrust towards Leningrad in the Pskov sector has not merely been brought to a halt, but the main enemy forces are being hurled back.

In the Vitebsk region, the issue still hangs in the balance with both sides throwing in all available resources and suffering severe losses.

Trend of the operations is indicated in the reference to fighting in the Novograd-Volinsk sector. The Russian High Command says that the Red Army is checking the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastward and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation.

The inference which may fairly be drawn is that the grandiose German claims to sensational advances have been based upon the progress of panzer units which probably have broken

through at several points on the long front, but which have not been able to obtain the substantial backing of the motorised infantry, following up closely behind, which is the technique of the blitz.

On the northern front, for instance, the Soviet High Command claims complete victory over the German infantry divisions, and that behind its own lines, German panzer units are being systematically destroyed.

Mogilev Claim

The Germans, meanwhile, claim a further success on the central sector, announcing the capture of the "key" Russian fortress city of Mogilev, south-east of Smolensk. It is claimed that Mogilev is deep inside the Stalin Line and it is asserted that the success "will pave the way for opening a wide corridor to Moscow."

Smolensk, it says, Berlin, is under constant air raid and artillery bombardment. In a radio broadcast last night, Berlin declared that "the dissolution of some Russian divisions seems complete. A fort in the Opotchna sector (east of Ostrava) has been blown up."—International News Service.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique says fighting continued in the Vitebsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions. "In Pskov our troops surrounded enemy motorised troops, destroying them section by section. THE MAIN ENEMY FORCES ARE BEING HURLED BACK TO THE WEST."

"In Vitebsk there was fierce fighting all day against mechanised units trying to penetrate to the east. Fighting continues with heavy losses on both sides."

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AIRMEN BLOT THE BLITZ

The Russian air force, according to a Moscow report, has taken the "blitz" out of the "blitzkrieg."

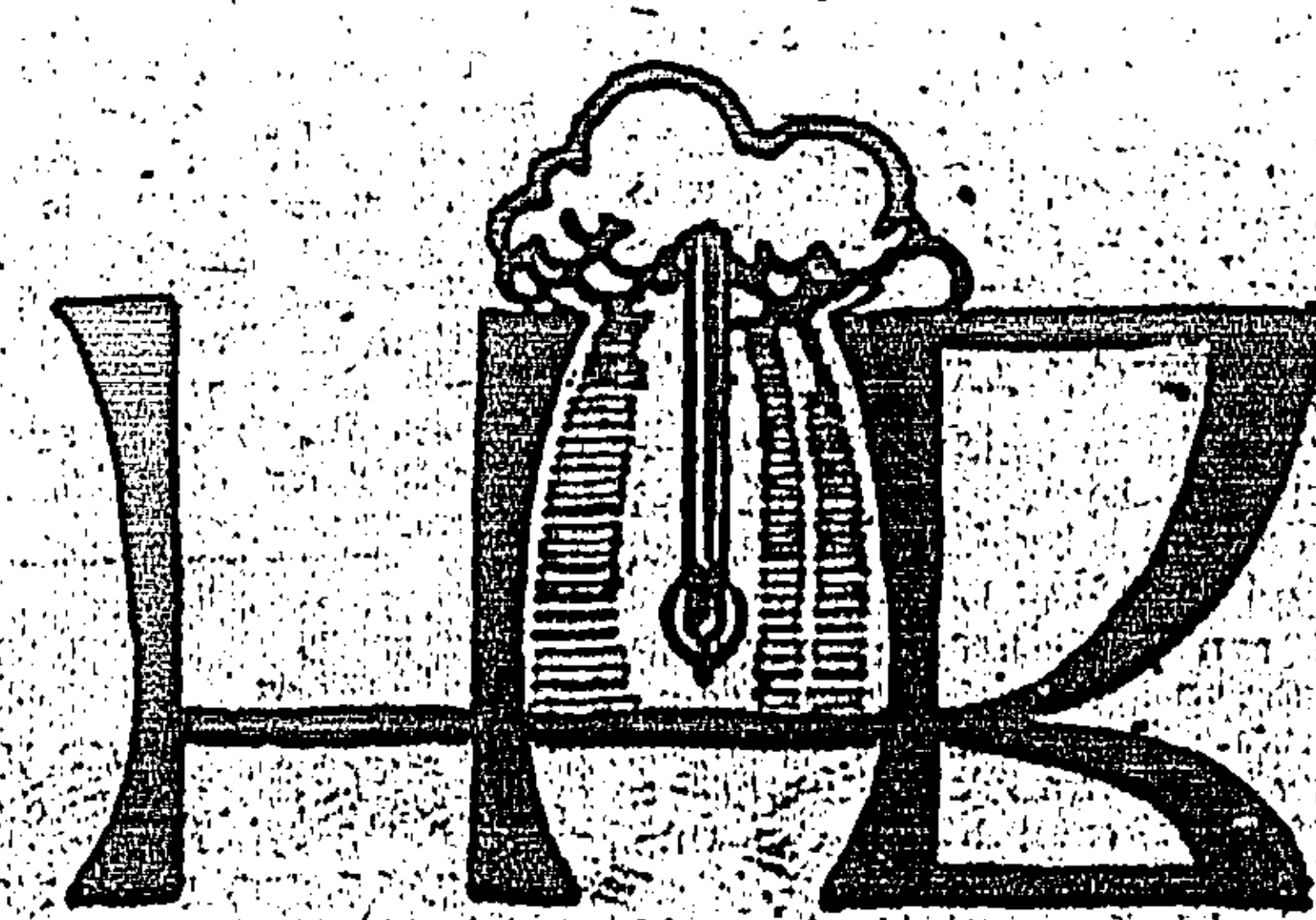
IT HAS FORCED A NEW "GO SLOW" POLICY ON THE NAZI PANZER DIVISIONS WHICH, INSTEAD OF CRASHING ON FAR AHEAD AND ALONE REGARDLESS OF WHAT OPPOSITION THEY LEAVE BEHIND, ARE NOW BEING PROTECTED AGAINST THE HEAVY CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE RUSSIAN AIR ATTACKS.

They are being escorted by slow anti-aircraft units which reduce their pace by more than half, and complicate transport and supply, and they are also constantly protected by swarms of Messerschmitt fighters.—Reuter.

troops to destroy a Hungarian railway line was frustrated by the "vigilance and energetic action of Hungarian troops."

Hungarian forces on the Soviet front were stated to be advancing into Podolia, in western Ukraine, despite the lack of roads and the difficulties of the terrain.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

DIFFERENT CHINA AFTER THE WAR

ECONOMIC POOLING IN N. AMERICA

A group of Canadian and American officials and economists is to begin pooling ideas to-day regarding the joint economic programme for the U.S. and Canada suggested in the "Hyde Park declaration" of Mr. MacKenzie King, Canadian Premier, and President Roosevelt.

The Canadian section of the joint economic committee arrived in New York yesterday to open a two-day initial session with the American branch.

The joint committee, the spokesman of the Canadians explained, had been created primarily to study, firstly ways in which defence efforts can be more effective through cooperation and interchange of materials and, secondly, a long-range programme that might tend to forestall, or at least lighten, Canadian-American post-war readjustments. — Reuter.

GIRLS SAVE MEN

Stuck in a deep road crater during a night blitz, two women ambulance drivers found tea and cigarettes for their only conscious patient and defied bombs to get their battered vehicle on to the road to hospital and save a man bleeding to death.

They are Miss Pauline Jackson, twenty-seven, and Mrs. Joan Cooper, twenty-four of Bistol.

"If ever any girls deserved a medal, they did," Charlie Hoyle, the only conscious patient, told a reporter.

"We took three and a half hours to go a mile or so to hospital, and for what seemed an eternity we were stuck on our side in a huge road crater."

"I was paralysed from shrapnel wounds and there was an unconscious man bleeding heavily beside me. The bombs fell all round us, but the girls, unable to move us to shelter, would not leave us."

"In the pitch blackness they fumbled with our bandages and even got me a cup of tea and a cigarette."

"Hell For Leather"

Miss Jackson said: "We were handicapped by a flat tyre, and then, dazzled by bomb flashes, drove into a huge crater."

"I ran for help and found a warden who fetched some soldiers. Somehow we changed the wheel and eventually a number of men lifted the ambulance out of the crater."

"We had to keep diving to avoid lumps of shrapnel. I fetched some tea from a nearby house and took a cigarette from the lips of one of our rescuers to give my patient."

"It was terrible being unable to get them into hospital or move them to safety, for we knew one was bleeding to death, but once we got out we drove hell for leather."

Justified Claim To Equality

"WHAT SORT OF A CHINA are we to expect at the end of the war?" asked Brig.-Gen. C. R. Woodroffe, Chairman of the China Association, at the annual meeting in London yesterday.

"We all assume ours to be the winning side and few would deny that our side includes China. Hence China after the war will be a victorious China which will be able justifiably to claim she helped us as much as, if not more, than we helped her."

"Is it conceivable that such a China would either be offered or would accept any status other than of equality?"

Alluding to the many signs that Japan intended soon to make a fresh move, probably southward, Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed the opinion she would have made it earlier but for prolonged resistance by China.

If she did so Britain and China would become more than collaborators in the fight against aggression, they would be ranged together against the common enemy.

Changes

The British Government in bygone times, he said, appeared to take little account of Chinese feelings, but he drew attention to the statements in the Commons by Mr. Churchill on June 18, 1940, and by Mr. Eden on June 11 this year, pledging revision of the Chinese treaties on a basis of reciprocity and equality.

Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed confidence that British interests thereby affected would be kept in view but considered it not too early for those interests to prepare for changes which must occur. — Reuter.

RABAT PLOT" ALLEGED

A Free French plot has been discovered at Rabat, the German radio announced yesterday quoting a message from Tangier.

More than 20, including an official of the French Chamber of Commerce at Tangier, have been arrested, it was stated.

The police discovered a large amount of propaganda material which will form part of the evidence against those arrested. They will be charged in court with having conspired at the desertion of Frenchmen to join General de Gaulle's army and with having made arrangements for obtaining recruits for a foreign army. — Reuter.

CALL TO IRAQI YOUTH

A CALL TO THE YOUTH OF IRAQ AND THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD TO UNITE, WAS MADE BY EMIR ABDUL ILLAL, REGENT OF IRAQ, BROADCASTING YESTERDAY.

The Iraqi Government, he said, was vigilantly watching over the independence and interests of the country, and the efforts of foreign powers to attain their wicked aims had been completely frustrated. — Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST AIR ACTIVITY

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. in the Middle East yesterday carried out an attack on the aerodrome at Zuara in Tripolitania, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Bombs were seen to hit the aerodrome buildings and a number of enemy transport aircraft on the ground were damaged by machine-gun fire.

One Junkers 52 was set on fire. During the night of July 13-14, heavy bombers raided Bardia and Benghazi, causing a number of explosions and fires.

A Junkers 88 and a Savoia 79 were shot down by our aircraft in the Western Desert during recent operations.

In Syria, our fighters attacked and severely damaged a Savoia 79 which approached the Syrian coast yesterday. The enemy aircraft was seen out at sea, emitting clouds of black smoke and appeared unlikely to reach its base.

All our aircraft returned safely from these operations. — Reuter.

PARALYSED NINE YEARS, WOMAN NOW KNITS

In the bright, cheerful kitchen of her mother's little flat, near Ladbrokegrove, I met Hilda, states an "Evening Standard" reporter.

Hilda is 26. She has a serene forehead and a happy smile.

When she was 17 she became paralysed. Until five months ago she was unable to raise a hand to feed herself. All she did was to sit helplessly in her wheeled chair.

Now she can move her arms sufficiently to pick up a biscuit from a plate and to make herself a beret in wool-weaving. She was busy on the beret when I called.

"Try doing nothing for nine years," smiled Hilda, "and see how happy I am to have a job to do."

Planned Tasks

Gradually she is being cured by occupational therapy — treatment in which cripples regain the use of their limbs by working at tasks planned to bring the right muscles into play.

Highly developed in the United States, this method is increasingly used for wounded in British military hospitals.

Every time Hilda slowly and painstakingly plies her needle, or pushes studs into a leather belt, she takes a step nearer the day when her crippled hands are cured.

When the workshop at Maid Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, where Hilda used to be wheeled, for her treatment, was destroyed by a bomb, Hilda thought her cure would be interrupted. It was not.

Instead of patients going to the cure, the cure now goes to the patients. Supervising Hilda's work was Miss Margaret Heathcote, the hospital's occupational therapy expert.

Men Mended Boots

"Working under a doctor, I plan the jobs of needle-weaving and other crafts for crippled patients," she told me. "In the workshop men patients did carpentry and mended evacuated boots."

"The idea is not only to work disused muscles, but to give the psychological benefit of doing a useful job."

It is not easy to become an occupational therapist. The training takes 2½ years. Before that Miss

NEW VERSION OF HITLER-GOERING CONFLICT

NEW LIGHT UPON the reported Hitler-Goering rift over the invasion of the Soviet Union is thrown by a Buenos Aires mailed despatch to the New York "Daily News," which, according to that newspaper, was posted some four days before the Soviet radio broadcast the report.

Goering is confined to his home and many generals have been moved because they share his opposition to the Nazi attack on the U.S.S.R., states the despatch.

The report, it added, comes from sources in close touch with three representatives of German heavy industries who recently arrived in Buenos Aires.

These men, one of whom is representing Goering's Steel Trust, are reported to be emissaries of the Reichswehr generals who, it is stated, are aligning themselves with heavy industry in the same fashion as Hitler did late in 1920.

They are reported to have said that when Hitler told his generals that he had decided to attack the Soviet Union, he was shocked on learning that his General Staff was unanimously opposed to such a venture. Goering, adds, the despatch, made a counter-proposal that demands should be made in Moscow for the delivery to Germany of the economic direction of the Ukraine and the Caucasus, while General Reichenau is said to have

expressed the opinion that such a campaign would become a war of attrition in which Germany and the Soviet would eventually be exhausted.

Hitler's Rage

Hitler flew into a rage, according to the German representatives quoted in the despatch, and General Brauchitsch and Keitel came to his defence while Generals List, Stuelpnagel and Falkenhorst opposed.

As a result, the despatch adds, Hitler is proceeding cautiously with a bloodless purge.

HE HAS CONFINED GOERING TO HIS HOME WITH A CHOICE OF OPENLY AFFIRMING HIS LOYALTY TO THE FUHRER IN A BROADCAST TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE OR BEING SENT TO A SANATORIUM.

In addition, the despatch says, the generals opposing the invasion of the Soviet Union have been shifted so that they will take little part in the campaign. — Reuter.

MESSINA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

The Italian port of Messina was raided on Monday night, according to a Rome communique.

R.A.F. raids on Benghazi, Derna, Bardia and the Gondar area of Abyssinia are also admitted.

The communique claims British attacks at Sollum and Tobruk were repulsed. — Reuter.

U.S. MISSION IN GIB.

THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN GENERAL LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GIBRALTAR, AND A U.S. GOVERNMENT MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The mission has now proceeded onwards to England after a three-days stay.

The mission flew to the Middle East and remained there five weeks.

It was headed by Mr. W. G. Harriman and other members, Brigadier-General R. Boyce, of the U.S. army air force, and Col. A. Green, a tank expert. — Reuter.

NAZI ANTI-AMERICAN TACTICS

Naval Action Order Attributed To Roosevelt Attempt To Stir Up Isolationists

THE QUESTION of whether the United States is going formally into the war now on the side of Britain and Russia, has suddenly become the centre of interest in Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung."

A sensation has been caused, he says, by the prominent publication there of a report from a pro-Axis Swedish paper suggesting that President Roosevelt intends to push his hostility to Germany to extremes and has therefore ordered the American fleet to fire without warning on Axis ships.

Authoritative sources in Berlin declared, continues the correspondent, that "after careful examination of the circumstances, the report can be regarded as perfectly accurate and authentic."

The German newspapers at the same time publish attacks on the President for, as they allege, "preparing to stab Europe in the back" during its struggle against the Bolsheviks.

Political observers suggest that this latest propaganda outburst has been launched.

Firstly, in order to stir up the American isolationists.

Secondly, in order to impress Japan, and.

Thirdly, in order to inspire the German public to fresh exertions in the face of American "intervention."—Reuter.

WE LEAD IN 'PLANE OUTPUT

The time when we shall be dropping four bombs on Germany for every one dropped on Britain is near, writes a Special Correspondent.

Despite the coercion of labour in occupied countries, Germany's output of 'planes has been overtaken by Britain and the Empire alone.

With American 'planes coming over in ever-increasing numbers, we are fast building up an Air Force which will overshadow Goering's Luftwaffe.

Bombers and still more bombers is now the slogan. We are building up a bigger striking force quicker than at one time seemed possible.

Plans are now in an advanced stage for the ferrying of fighter 'planes by a secret route.

American aircraft are exceeding British expectations. The flying fortress, for instance, has not only shown itself to be everything claimed for it by the American designers but something more besides.

One of these machines has crossed the Atlantic in 8h. 45m. The Air Minister, speaking in London said:—

"As our air strength grows, and it is beginning to grow fast, we will repay the Germans."

Reports from Emden on the effect of our new "beautiful" bombs say:—

"The explosive used is fantastic. A bomb turned the whole of one quarter, with the exception of the Post Office, into a heap of ruins."

"Seventy houses were completely destroyed and twenty-five of these were just heaps of bricks. Although 200 houses were damaged, not including broken windows."

INDIA'S GROWING OUTPUT

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT HAS NEVER BEEN CONFINED TO THE NEEDS OF THE TROOPS ON HER SOIL, AND FOR MANY MONTHS THE PRODUCTS OF INDIA'S INDUSTRY HAVE GONE IN AN INCREASING STREAM TO OVERSEAS FORCES OF THE EMPIRE.

This point was made by Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan, Minister of Supply, in a broadcast from Simla yesterday.

Referring to munitions production he said India was indebted to the steel industry for the supply of armour plate which would progressively keep pace with the demands of its armoured fighting vehicles and would increase its total output by 33-1/3 per cent. very shortly.

India was now making five times as many guns as in peace time and intended to multiply the present production figure by eight.

An aircraft factory had been established which, if all went well, would grow into an aircraft industry, and shipyards were building large numbers of small craft from minesweepers to lifeboats.—Reuter.

"DEAR COUSIN WINSTON"

One of Mr. Churchill's American cousins, Mr. Eugene Donald Jerome, has sent the Premier a cancelled cheque for £584,136 which Mr. Jerome's grandfather signed in 1863 when he sold his partnership in a New York banking house.

"From what I see and hear," says Mr. Jerome in his accompanying letter to "Dear Cousin Winston," "America is with you 100 per cent, and there can be but one outcome; that is the complete downfall of Hitlerism, and we are all working for that end."

The Premier's father, Lord Randolph Churchill, married the daughter of Leonard Jerome, of New York.

65 DIPLOMATIC POUCHES GONE

It was revealed the other night that 65 diplomatic pouches have been lost by the United States Embassy in London since the outbreak of war through enemy action.

Ten of them went down in a ship which was torpedoed recently. The vessel was also carrying two trucks for delivery to the Military Attaché's office and 2,750 worth of office equipment for the Embassy.

A.R.P. WARDENS HELPING TO COLLECT SCRAP

Air raid wardens in Singapore have offered their services as collectors of scrap, and one group of wardens has formed a club which will concentrate on collections of paper and other salvage within its area.

"We consider that no sacrifice on our part is too great for the cause of our King and Empire," wrote the honorary secretary of the post, Mr. Koh Chwee Keat, to the Controller of Salvage, Mr. W. T. Cherry. The wardens intend to give up their week-ends to salvage work. They have already begun a house-to-house distribution of pamphlets in their district and have displayed posters in prominent positions.

The first "Scrap Club" to be formed in Singapore by three British boys in Changi delivered its first load a few days ago. "It was a very large load of useful salvage," said Mr. Cherry.

Meanwhile the committee which has made itself responsible for the collection of salvage in Singapore is preparing for the second stage of their efforts—the first being Salvage Week. They are discussing arrangements for a possible house-to-house collection of salvage.

Already large quantities of paper have been received and negotiations are still proceeding with mills in Singapore and in India regarding their disposal.

A collection of salvage is about to be made from English and vernacular schools, numbering more than a hundred in Singapore alone.

PORTUGAL REINFORCING THE AZORES

More and more Portuguese troops are being sent at intervals to the Azores to reinforce the garrison there.

Before a contingent embarked in Lisbon yesterday morning it was drawn up in the largest square in the city, where new colours were presented to one infantry battalion recently mentioned in general orders.—Reuter.

NAZI PEACE "WAR"

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, PRAISED AND CORROBORATED MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S STATEMENTS THAT HITLER AGENTS WERE SEEKING TO PROMOTE PEACE PROPOSALS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Welles said reports of the proposals had been reaching him occasionally but he emphasised they were not official proposals to the United States Government.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, told his press conference yesterday: "There is no Hitler peace proposal officially before this Government."—Reuter.

PRESIDENT SUPPORTING ARMY'S DEMAND

A FORMAL WARNING that President Roosevelt favoured retention in the Army of National Guardsmen, Reserve Officers and draftees beyond the 12 months' period originally prescribed, was given Congress in Washington yesterday by the Under-Secretary of War, Mr. Patterson.

He said the President also desired the removal of the 900,000 limit on the number of draftees who came in service at any one time.

U.S. DEAL WITH MEXICO

As part of its programme to build up vital defence supplies, the United States has guaranteed to buy from Mexico all its exportable surplus of strategic materials which are not sold to private industries in the Western Hemisphere during the next eighteen months.

This has been announced by Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator.

The Mexican Government has decreed that these commodities may be exported only to points within the Hemisphere.—Reuter.

In a letter to the Speaker, Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Patterson said that legislation to accomplish these objects had President Roosevelt's approval.

"The sequence of German conquests which continued without interruption from Austria to Russia have been based on the anticipated failure of the countries concerned to be properly prepared against invasion," Mr. Patterson wrote.

"In each case they launched an overwhelming force against an unprepared army. We cannot speculate with the security of this nation."

In view of known events of the past year, particularly of the last few months, Mr. Patterson added, demobilisation of the army now would be to "court disaster."—Reuter.

WARNING BY GENERAL MARSHALL

Testimony on Iceland by General George Marshall, Chief of the U.S. Army Staff, before the Senate Military Committee, on July 9 was revealed in Washington yesterday.

Supporting the legislation permitting the retention of selectees and National Guardsmen for more than a year, General Marshall said that specially trained Army units, instead of Marines, should have occupied Iceland but "were prevented" because of the difficulties of the single year service rule.

General Marshall testified that "unless the one year limit is removed, our present trained forces will largely melt away." HE DENIED HE PLANNED AN "EXPEDITIONARY FORCE" AND CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION OF THE NATION'S EMERGENCY, ADDING:

"I personally believe it urgently necessary in the public interest for the committee to declare the existence of the nation's emergency."—Reuter.

PETROL MONOPOLY

The Australian Government has decided to take full control, under the National Security Act, of the importation, storage and distribution of petrol, supplanting the petrol cartel.

The Premier, Mr. Menzies, in a statement yesterday, said Government was asking the British and American authorities for more tankers and it would not abate its efforts until stocks were assured.

The recent decrease in the motorist's ration was helping to build up stocks but Government was not satisfied merely to impose more sacrifices on the people.—Reuter.

COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HSU MO AS CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA IS REGARDED IN CHINESE CIRCLES IN LONDON AS A SPECIAL COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA.

Passing early into the Chinese diplomatic service, Mr. Hsu Mo is regarded as one of the ablest men in the service. As he really is of ambassadorial rank, it is evident that in sending him in an administrative post, China wished to show she was sending a man of the highest standing to Australia.—Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE IRREGULAR

The London Stock Exchange encountered some irregularity yesterday. Gilt-edged, oils and industrials receded slightly on profit-taking but there were signs of renewed provincial support of the last named, especially breweries and textiles, at the lower levels. Rubbers and teas were firmly held while Kafirs responded well to Cape and local support, but diamonds met profit-taking. Japanese bonds receded but subsequently were supported. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

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TWENTY-TWO SYRIA CONVENTION CLAUSES

UNDER THE TERMS of the Syrian armistice, published in Vichy at noon yesterday, French troops and French nationals will be repatriated in French ships.

There are 22 points in the agreement, as follow:—

1. Hostilities ended on July 11 at 9.01 p.m. (G.M.T.) and the Allied forces will occupy the territories of Syria and Lebanon.
2. The French forces will be concentrated in certain zones to be fixed by the commission before noon to-day at which hour the Allied forces will start to occupy certain strategic points.

Until their repatriation the French troops will remain in their positions with reduced officers and strength and under French command.

3. The occupation of the principal localities will be carried out so as to permit the immediate replacement of the French troops by the forces of occupation.

4. Minicfields at sea and on land will be notified to the occupation authorities.

5. The honours of war are to be rendered to the French forces which will be withdrawn with their transport, including guns, machine-guns, tanks and munitions.

Release Of Prisoners

6. French officers, N.C.O.'s and soldiers are authorised to keep their individual arms. Soldiers will not keep any ammunition.

All other war materials will be stocked under the control of the British authorities who will have the right to earmark material which is considered necessary to destroy. This will be done by the French under the supervision of the British authorities.

7. Prisoners belonging to the Allied forces will be released immediately. French prisoners will be released when the whole Syrian and Lebanon territories have been occupied and the armistice terms fulfilled.

8. The choice whether to join the Allied cause or be repatriated will be left to each individual.
9. Certain officials and special service officers will remain at their posts to ensure continuity in administration until they can be replaced.

Monetary Possessions

10. The British authorities agree to the repatriation of French troops and nationals by French sea transports.

11. The monetary possessions of repatriated French will be transferred under authorities to be established.

12. French labour rights will be respected.

13. The managements of public services will be handed over intact.

- 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 provide that means of communications, harbour installations, aircraft and air installations, stocks of petrol, money and other means of payment in circulation or in reserve in banks, shall not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Levant Troops

19. The British military authorities reserve the right to take into their service special Levant troops as and when they are discharged by the French authorities.

20. The British authorities shall take no action against Syrians and Lebanese who took part in a military or administrative capacity in the recent hostilities.

21. Execution of the present agreement will be regulated and supervised by a commission of control which will have its seat at Beyrouth and will be composed of five members, three appointed by the British and two by the French.

22. The present agreement will be drawn up in English and French and, in case of disagreement, the English text shall be binding. —Reuter.

Bombing of H.B.M. Embassy

The bombing of a British Embassy — an apology from the perpetrators and another bombing — were disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, answering a question in the Commons yesterday.

The Embassy was at Chungking. It was bombed three times during June and a number of people injured.

In response to representations the Japanese Minister of Marine on July 1 expressed regret and declared the attack was unintentional.

On July 8 another serious attack occurred when the destruction of the Embassy was completed, although without casualties.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo accordingly presented a vigorous Note of protest supported by further oral representations.

The Japanese Vice-Minister expressed great regret and promised to make investigations. —Reuter.

STRIKE TROUBLES OVER

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE STRIKE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT IS TROUBLING THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE WHICH IS INVESTIGATING MIGRATORY LABOUR WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY MR. SIDNEY HILLMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.

He said that American production was greater than that of the totalitarian States.

"The weakness of the totalitarian system is the loss of workers' cooperation," he declared, adding that there are now 2,700,000 persons employed in defence industries, compared with 400,000 a year ago.

He estimated that the figure would be 5,700,000 a year hence. —Reuter.

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MODERATE DEMANDS ON VICHY

The Syrian armistice, it is generally felt in Jerusalem, is an extremely moderate one which goes no further than necessary to achieve the objects with which the Allies started the campaign.

These were to put an end to German infiltration and the use of Syrian air bases by German aircraft and ensure that Syria should resume the place she held prior to the collapse of France as a strategic bulwark of the Allies in the eastern Mediterranean.

Satisfaction is expressed in Jerusalem that the full honours of war have been accorded to the French in view of the courageous and skilful fight they made—however misguided, from the Allied viewpoint, their action may have been.

It is noted that the terms of the armistice permit soldiers and civilians to choose between rallying to the Allied cause or being repatriated.

The hope is expressed that many will choose the former now that they are free from Nazi influence and propaganda, which reached such a pitch that some of the captured Vichy troops stated they were under the impression they were fighting the Italians. —Reuter.

'PLANE HAD NO "PROPS"

Fighting off the attacks of five Messerschmitt fighters over Holland, an R.A.F. bomber set course for home with oil pouring from the port engine.

The engine stopped—and the propeller fell off.

Out over the North Sea, on one engine, flew the bomber. The English coast was crossed—and then the second aircrew, also damaged, dropped away. But the pilot brought his machine down to a safe landing in a field.

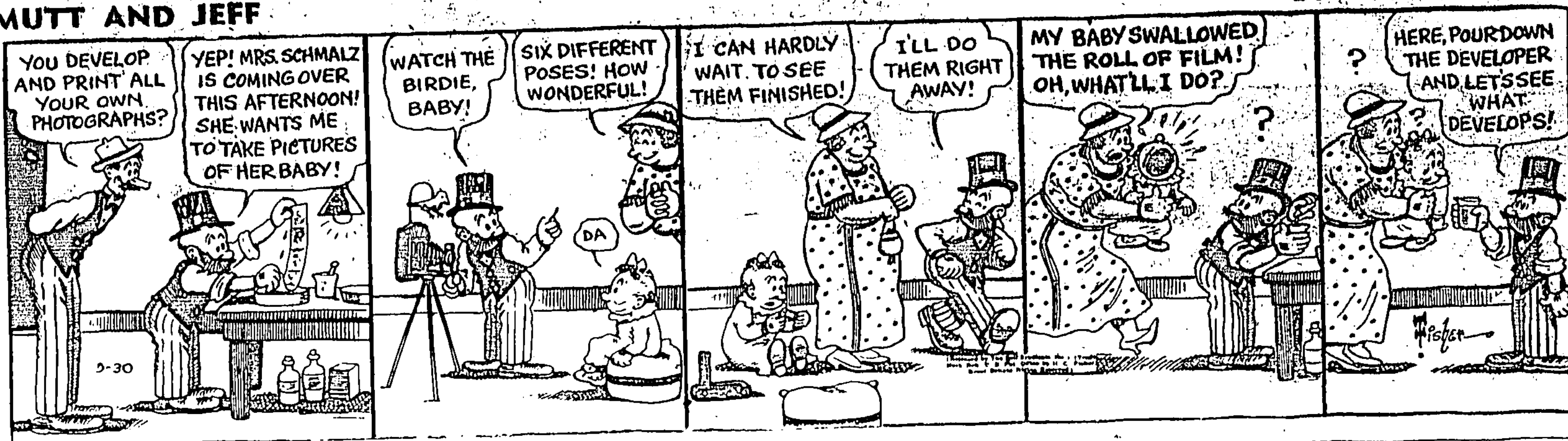
He had attacked oil storage tanks near Rotterdam in daylight.

A shell burst through the nose of the aircraft, and then the five Messerschmitt 109s attacked.

For twenty minutes the fight went on. Our gunner was wounded and the mechanism of his gun carriage put out of action, but he fought on, turning his guns with the hand control.

One by one the Messerschmitts broke off the fight.

MUTT AND JEFF



DANCES TEACH DOCK BOYS TO BE 'GENTS'

"MAY I HAVE the pleasure . . . ?" The band struck up a tango and a little dockland boy bowed to a little dockland girl.

Young Ernie — they used to call him "The Tough" down his way, but now he's "the perfect little gent"—was one of 250 children evacuated from East Ham to a Surrey school camp, taking his partner for the next dance, writes a correspondent.

Ballroom dancing has been introduced to these kiddies, aged 9 to 15½, by their headmaster, Mr. William Skipsey. He is known to the children as Skip.

"It is teaching the boys not to be rough with the girls and rationalises the children's attitude towards sex," he told me as we watched the young couples.

If they don't like dances they don't have to come. One or two of the little boys are having a game of billiards instead. "This dance is an important affair to them," he said. "Canadian soldiers had come with their band for the evening."

"So the girls have been busy preparing their dresses and pressing the boys' trousers for them. All the children are most particular in their person."

"Ballroom dancing has solved many problems. The children are no longer shy, and it has taught the boys to be gallant."

MYSTERY OF MAN'S LEG IN A BROOK

Police in England are anxious to obtain information that may solve the mystery of the discovery of the left leg of a man in a brook at Shute, East Devon.

The man had been well-developed over 25, and about 5ft. 4in. in height.

On the leg was a blue-ribbed sock and the boot was size six or six and a half, with a rubber heel.

CHANNEL FLYER HONoured

The first Free French airman to be decorated by the King was presented with the British Empire Medal recently for escaping from Occupied France in a plane he secretly assembled in a wood.

He landed safely in England, having risked being shot down by parading German fighters, by Hurricanes and Spitfires or by anti-aircraft fire.

The medal was presented by Air-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, to Corporal Maurice Haina Du Frelay, who is aged 20.

His single-engine plane was assembled near a small village. During the day he camouflaged it with branches and leaves. When night fell he worked by the light of a torch to complete it.

He had to wait for a tail wind to help him across the Channel, as the limited amount of petrol he was able to obtain was barely sufficient. With only a few personal effects he took off, landing an hour and a half later.

Air-Marshal Pattinson said Du Frelay gave a fine example of those qualities of enterprise and determination which bind together the Allies in their struggle.

Du Frelay is now under training as a pilot at an R.A.F. flying training school.

3 GIRLS WERE VAIN — SCALPED

Three win-the-war girls were scalped recently — because of their vanity. Loose hair caught in a machine.

If they had been wearing the caps or hairnets recommended for safety, they would not have been disfigured for life.

Mr. Robert Hyde, director of the Industrial Welfare Society, said: "Safety-first instructions must be drilled into the thousands of girls entering factories for the first time."

"Vanity is one of the chief reasons why these girls take risks. They don't want to disturb the waves in their hair by wearing a cap. Some put the cap on at such a 'fashionable' angle that its purpose is defeated."

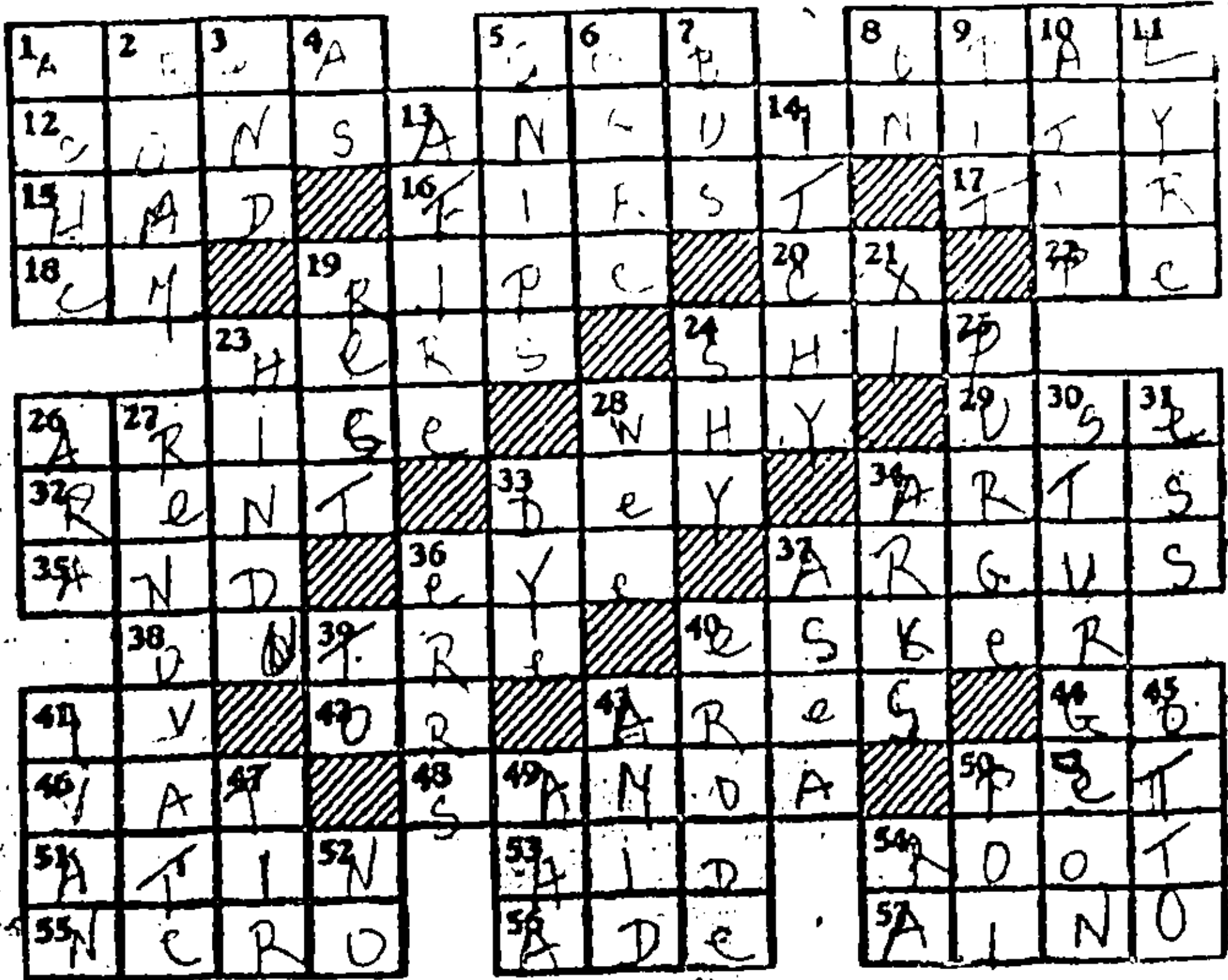
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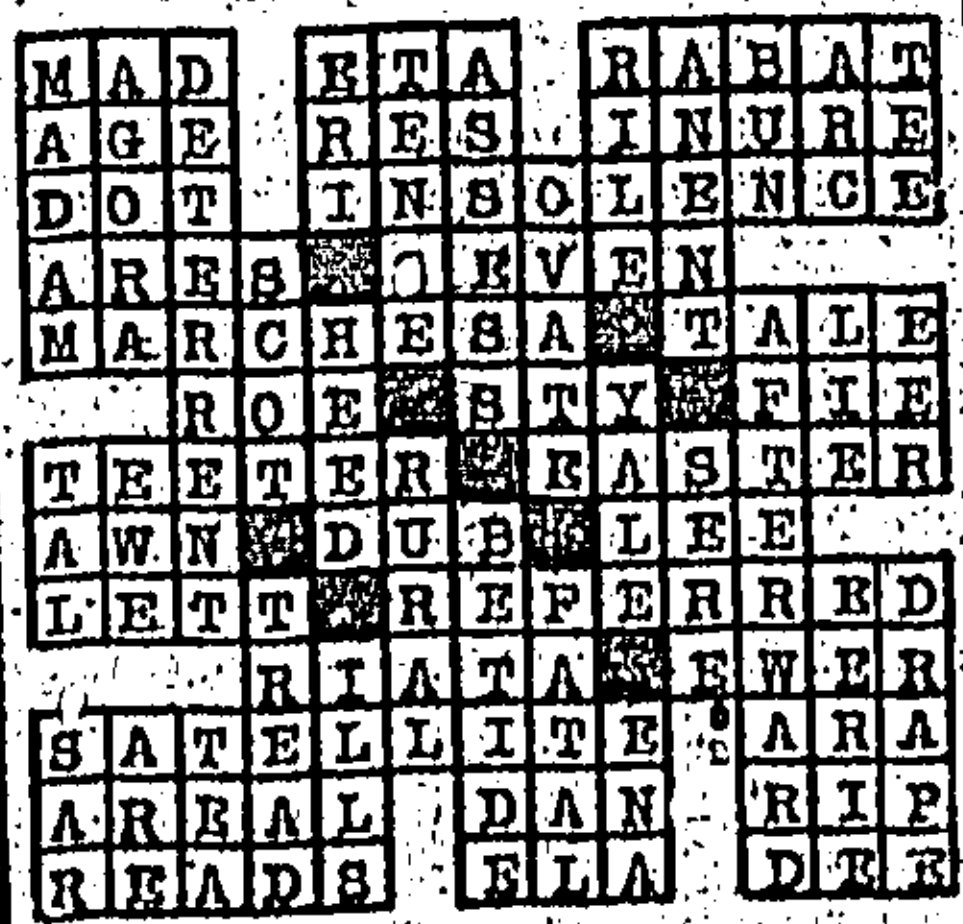
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- 2 surface
- 3 To sigh
- 4 To depart
- 5 Large tub
- 6 Pacific
- 7 Precious stone
- 8 Blood
- 9 relationship
- 10 Possessed
- 11 Preceding
- 12 Craggy hill
- 13 Printer's measure
- 14 Mature
- 15 110
- 16 Hebrew letter
- 17 Pronoun
- 18 Vessel
- 19 To ascend
- 20 What for?
- 21 Value
- 22 To lease
- 23 Tunisian ruler
- 24 Branches of learning
- 25 Conjunction
- 26 Head organ
- 27 Sharp-eyed person
- 28 Strikingly odd
- 29 Ridge of glacial gravel
- 30 Four

VERTICAL

- 1 Pain
- 2 To wander
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



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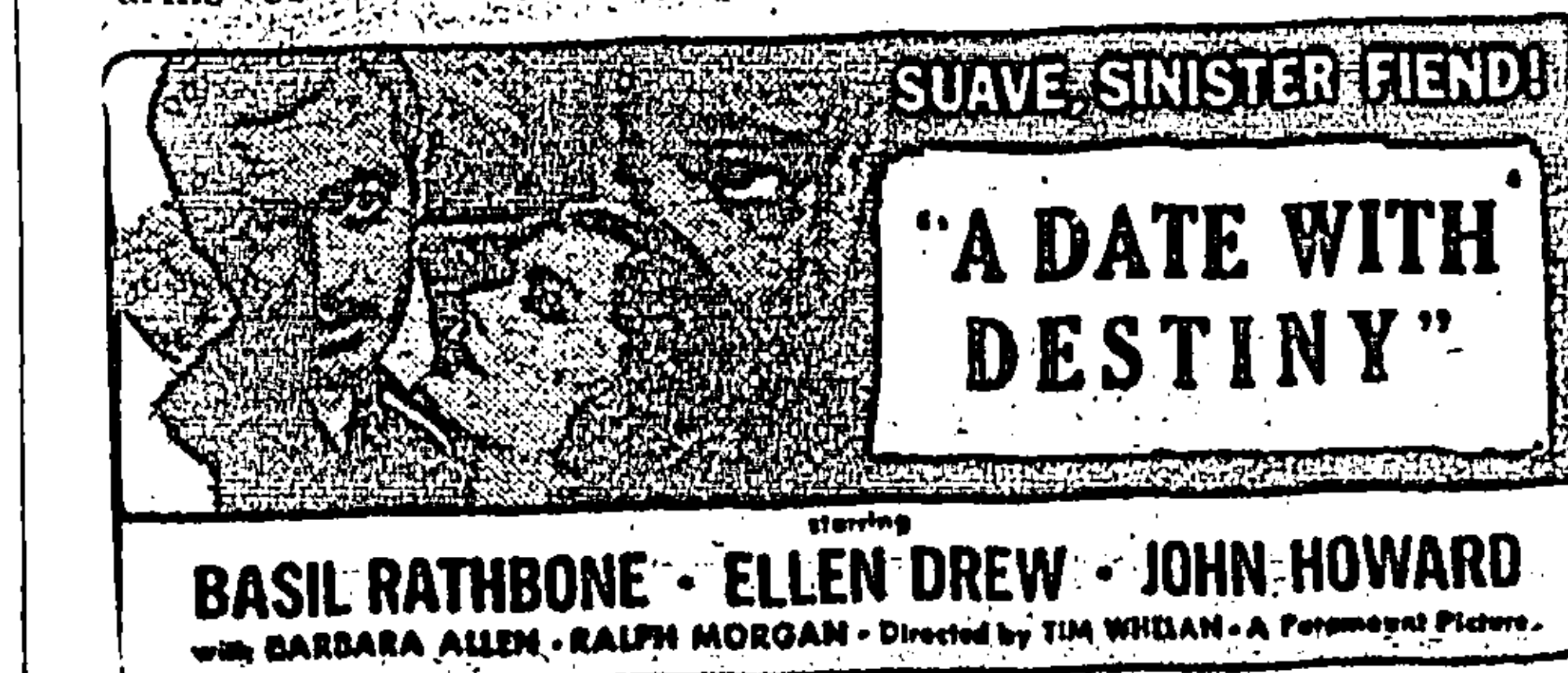
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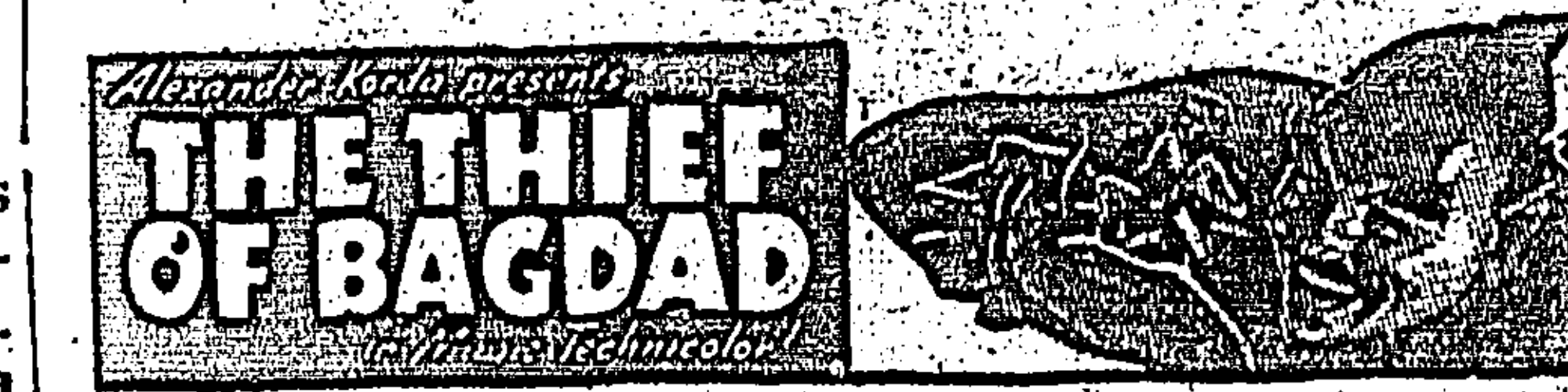
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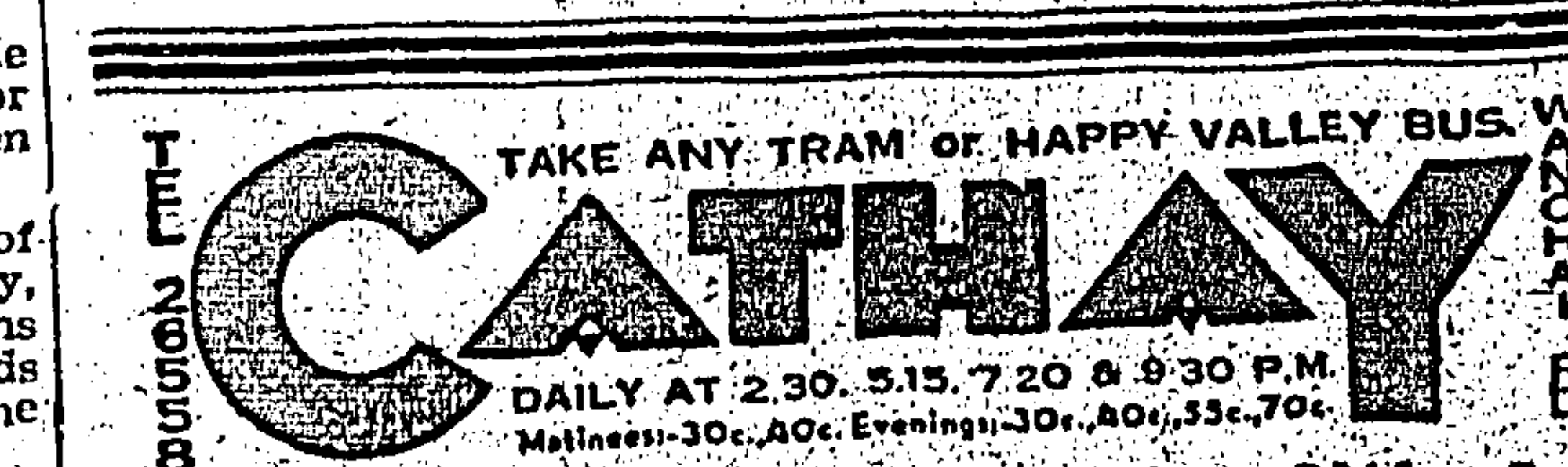
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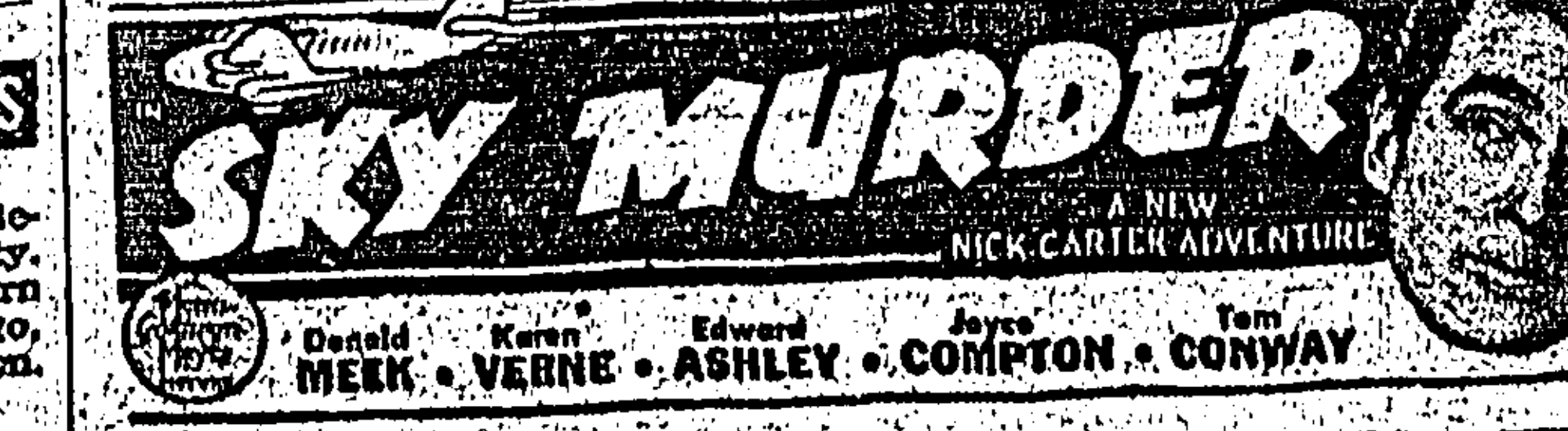


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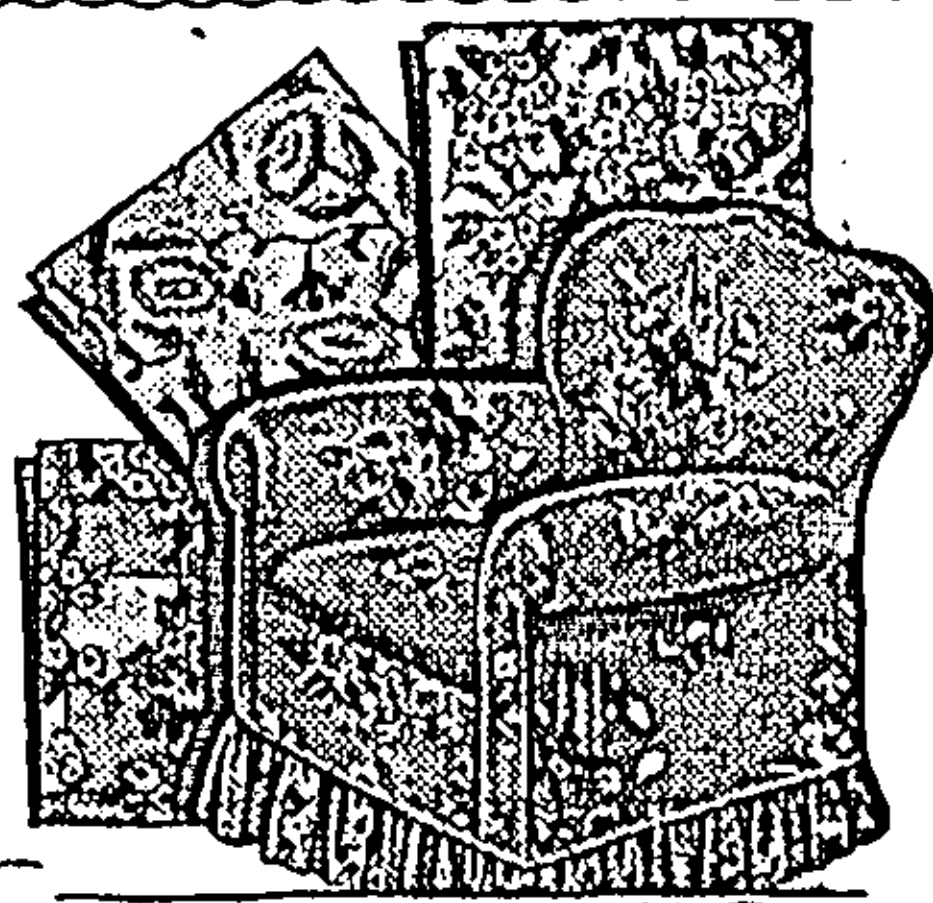
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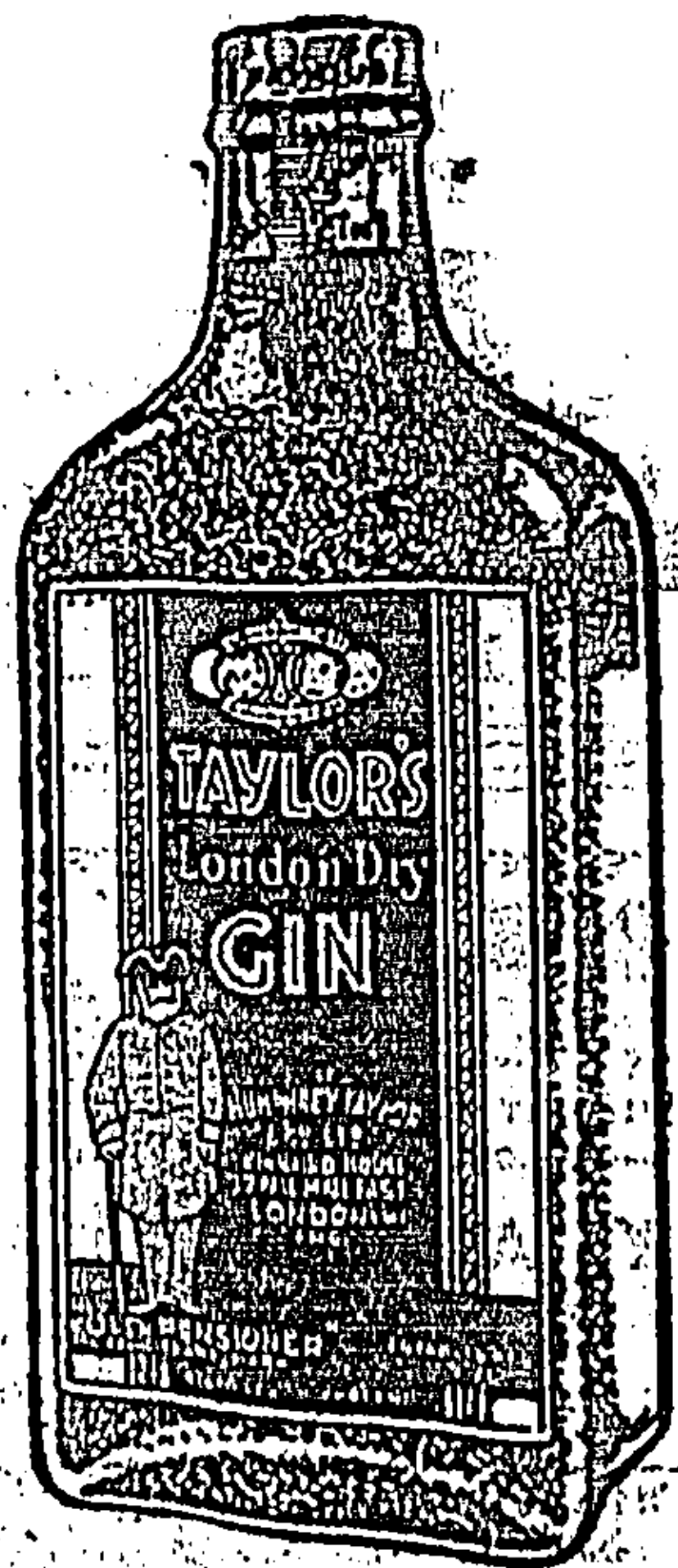
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HONG KONG

Public Schoolboys In Blazing Train

FIVE BOYS—possibly six—of Ampleforth College, York, were killed and seven others injured when a coach of a train in which they were travelling the other day caught fire for some reason not yet explained.

Some of the boys jumped from the train and others were trapped in the coach.

The train was the 12.50 p.m. express from King's Cross to Newcastle.

The coach in which the fire started was reserved for 64 Ampleforth boys who were returning after the Easter holidays. When the train reached Claypole, between Grantham and Newark, about 3.30 p.m., it was noticed that the coach was on fire.

The communication cord was pulled and several of the boys jumped out before the train could be brought to a standstill.

When the train passed through Hougham Station, about a mile and a half from the scene of the occurrence, there was no sign of fire.

Crew's Efforts

The L. and N.E.R. stated that the coach involved was next to the rear brake van. The train was a relief to the daily 12.45 p.m. express. The official statement added:

The train was stopped and every effort made by the crew to extinguish the fire, but the coach immediately in front and the brake van behind caught fire before the train could be uncoupled and cleared of the blazing vehicle.

A special locomotive brought doctors from Newark, where the injured are now in hospital.

As a result of the mishap the main line could not be used from 3.35 p.m. to 7.1 p.m., and trains were diverted over alternative routes. The cause of the fire is under inquiry.

An official at Newark railway station stated that doctors, ambulance workers and stretchers were soon on the scene.

"The injured were extricated with great difficulty," he said.

Names Of Injured

Seven boys are in Newark Hospital. In addition to Gerard Pierlot, they are: David Winstanley, aged 16, Bel-size-grove, N.W.

Joseph F. Patron, aged 15, Haslemere.

Michael Harari, aged 14, Gloucester-place, W.

John Reid, aged 17, Pleasant-court, North Chapel, Petworth, Sussex, whose parents are in Egypt.

Eustace Maunsell, aged 16, Copper Mead Ridgway, Farnham, Surrey.

Roger Burrows, aged 16, Beach Cottage, Grove-road, Merrow, Guildford.

Maunsell and Burrows are suffering from injuries to the shoulders and legs and the others from burns.

Altogether there were 101 Ampleforth boys in the train. A master, the Rev. H. Dunstan Pozzi, was with them.

Most of the boys continued their journey and arrived at the College later.

An official of the College said that the authorities were completely in the dark concerning details of the occurrence. They were, however, sending telegrams as quickly as possible to reassure parents whose children were safe.

Embassy Informed

News of the accident reached the Belgian Embassy and an official telephoned the Belgian Consul, M. De Backer, explaining that friends were trying to get in touch with M. Pierlot, who lives at Byfleet, Surrey.

M. Pierlot escaped to England from Belgium in October and was joined in January by his wife and six children, four boys and two girls, whose ages ranged from 10 to 6.

He was in the Carlton when it was bombed last year, but escaped injury.

The history of Ampleforth College is identified with the English Benedictine Community of St. Laurence's, Ampleforth, which was exiled at the Reformation, settled in Lorraine, and was expelled from France at the time of the Revolution. The Community returned to England and resumed the monastic life and educational work at Ampleforth in 1802.

900 HOSIERY WORKS CLOSING

Concentration of the hosiery industry of Great Britain will mean the release of 30,000 and perhaps 50,000 workpeople for munitions and other war services.

It will probably mean the closing down of about 900 factories, or two-thirds of those now operating.

Complete schemes for the concentration, it is hoped, will be in operation within six months.

This was the situation with which Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, then President of the Board of Trade, confronted a deputation from the National Federation of Hosiery Manufacturers' Association and representatives of the trade unions when they attended a conference in London at his invitation recently.

They are now returning to their centres to begin organising the industry into groups for the purposes of the concentration.

Problems which will have to be solved were placed before Capt. Lyttelton. One of them concerned the retention of special brands of goods, even though the factories which made the goods in the past are no longer at work.

NAZI RULE IN CRETE & GREECE

The "Daily Telegraph's" Istanbul Correspondent cabled recently:—

Reports which may contain an element of German publicity to frighten prospective victims, but which nevertheless indicate the length to which the Nazis will go in occupied countries, have been received from Greece and Crete.

The shoulders of all Cretan women are to be examined, to see whether they bear any bruise marks as the result of the recoil of a rifle. The German High Command has announced that any women bearing such marks will be shot as franc-tireurs.

All Greeks of Cretan origin living in Greece are to be sent to the concentration camp. Many well-known Greek personalities have been arrested.

The Germans have announced that any person found in the streets after the curfew will be shot on the spot.

Patrols have received orders to throw grenades at groups of people are found.

Despite fantastic odds, the spirit of the Greeks is unbroken.

TEACHING STAFFS TO BE REDUCED

Under the new Schedule of Reserved Occupations, only 10 per cent. of elementary school teachers below 35 will be retained in England.

This is the decision of the Board of Education. Most teachers in elementary schools are without degrees.

Teachers in both elementary schools

TOO MEATY SAUSAGES

For putting too much meat in "sausage meat," Leonard Thirkettle, of Thorpe, near Norwich, was fined 10s. at Norwich recently.

MOLLISON NOW PILOTS BOMBERS

First Officer Jim Mollison is one of the small group of British, American and Canadian pilots who are delivering Lockheed Consolidated Liberator, and other U.S.A. bombers direct across the Atlantic to Britain.

When asked his theory about Amy Johnson's death while delivering an aeroplane for Air Transport Auxiliary early in January, he attributed it to enemy action.

"I say this," he stated, "because Amy had baled out. She had never done that over water before."

"She was flying over the widest part of the Thames estuary where enemy aeroplanes were then to be found in large numbers."

Jim Mollison was among several Air Transport Auxiliary pilots in Britain who recently volunteered for Atlantic ferry work.

A friend said:—

"Jim has now a fine record for safe and brilliant flying in the A.T.A. The organisation, I believe, would be happy to employ 20 pilots like him."

"He enjoys every hour of his work. He has flown all types of machines from fighters to heavy bombers."

525 U.S. PILOTS JOIN R.A.F.

Clayton Knight, a pilot in the last war, who is head of the committee which deals with the applications of American aviators to join the R.A.F. or the Royal Canadian Air Force, stated recently that 525 men, all with a minimum of 300 hours' flying experience, had been accepted since July last.

More than 400 were serving in Canada as flying instructors.

Others were engaged in delivering British-made planes from factories to aerodromes, ferrying American bombers across the Atlantic, or on active duty with the American Eagle Squadron in Britain.

Committee hopes to enrol another 600 pilots in the next few months.

Their safety record is extraordinarily good. All Atlantic crossings in which they have participated have been made without incident.

and secondary schools under 35 who hold degrees in mathematics, physics, chemistry or engineering are liable to be called up for specialist work, when needed, but regard will be paid to the requirements of the schools.



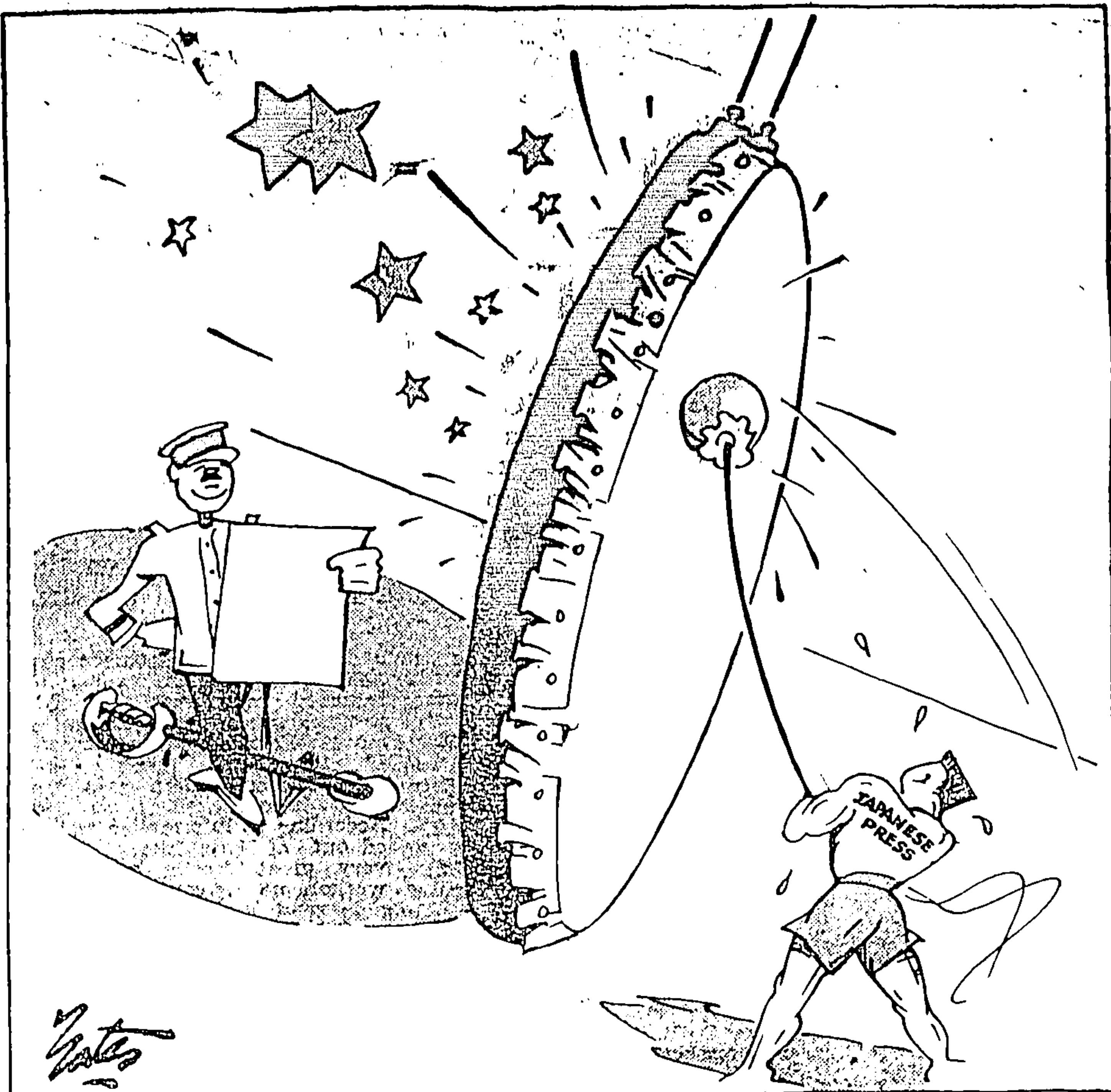
SYRIA CONFLICT

Because all Germany's main energies are concentrated against Russia, the termination of the unhappy conflict in Syria will naturally attract less notice than would otherwise have been its due. Time alone will show whether the achievement of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's forces has important consequences beyond the political sphere. Obviously, the surrender of General Dentz goes far to modify the strategic peril to Suez arising from the withdrawal from Crete, an island which was considered to be secure in our hands. It appreciably reduces the threat to Cyprus, for this time the advantage of near air bases will be with the defenders and not the attackers. It guarantees the elimination of Syria as a threatening stepping-stone to the Mosul oil fields.

French defence against restrained pressure lasted just over a month. The repercussions of the surrender will be felt throughout the Near East, in Turkey, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the great desert to the south. Britain again has a solid front. The Arabs have clearly rejected the Holy War the fanatical Murti of Jerusalem sought to inflame, and both he and the usurper Rashid Ali el Gailani are fugitives, repudiated by their own people.

For the first time in this war the Germans have been compelled to flee from an area into which they had penetrated. Britain gains the inestimable gift of time, time to consolidate her future defence of the Mosul oil fields, time to throw the small but efficient forces which took Damascus to other fronts where they are needed. It is not likely the Nazis will quit their struggle for Iraq's oil, but the short way is now closed to them. The precious fluid that seemed almost in their grasp is snatched from their best point of attack.

The terms of the armistice undoubtedly give the British complete control of the country. The road to the conquest of Arabia and the road to India is blocked. Most important at the moment is that one prong of the Nazi pincers reaching for Suez is smashed.



DRUMMING IT UP

Crown Prince Of Vichy

This is the fourth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

On October 9, 1934, King Alexander I of Serbia, ally and friend of France, and Louis Barthou, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Doumergue Cabinet, were shot and killed by a Macedonian terrorist. The era of violence and catastrophe had begun.

The most important of all portfolios is that of Foreign Affairs, and it was necessary to provide immediately for a successor to Barthou. Several candidates were suggested. Pierre Laval was chosen. It was learned that he had the full support of Marshal Petain, Minister of War.

Who is this notorious Laval whom Marshal Petain, in 1934, and perhaps even earlier, made his political associate?

The man has always been cloaked in mystery and he is not well known, even in France.

To-day Laval is fifty-eight years old. He has a distinctly alarming face and undeniable geniality. The calm and dignity of his manner, the affability of his greeting have facilitated his career. He has been successful in arbitrating political and social conflicts. He has sometimes appeared to be clairvoyant. The agreement drawn up at Stresa in 1935 among England, France and Italy seemed to many sensible people a guaranty against the rise of Nazism. This attempt failed, as have all the expansive political schemes of Laval.

Pierre Laval was born and grew up in great poverty, which did not crush him. He succeeded in passing his examinations for the law, and in 1911 he opened a small law office for workmen at Aubervilliers, an industrial centre near Paris. He gave consultations for 2 francs, which, at that time, would be about 40 cents. His popularity grew quickly and, in 1914, he was elected Deputy from the Seine. In the Chamber of Deputies he sat at the extreme left of the Socialist party (Communism had not yet been invented).

The war broke out. Laval became one of the two or three "Kienthalians" of the Chamber. That was the name given to a group of extreme pacifists whose delegates met the representatives of the German Socialist party at Kienthal and Zimmerwald, little

Swiss cities. At these meetings they discussed ways of bringing the war to an end immediately.

After the war of 1914 Paul Aillard, a journalist, published a work entitled "Behind the Scenes of the War, Revealed by the Secret Committees" (of the two houses of Parliament). This book cannot be found in France. The book-store editions were bought up; the library copies were removed.

It contains the report of an extraordinary speech made by Laval in the secret session of the Chamber of Deputies on June 1, 1917. That was the period of dangerous mutinies in the army. From

led a cautious life, shifting between Socialism and Communism. His career as a lawyer developed. In 1921 he began to draw closer to the moderate parties; he did it cleverly and soon he was spoken of by them with great favour. He was minister for the first time in 1925. In 1931 the President of the republic confided to M. Pierre Laval the task of forming the Cabinet. The ex-Socialist—fifteen years after his speech to the secret committee—became Prime Minister and head of the Conservative party.

At the same time that he acquired power he acquired a large fortune.

This is a brief but accurate sketch of the career of the minister backed by Marshal Petain to take charge of foreign affairs. In October, 1934, that is, at a dark hour when internal strife was disrupting the country and when the German menace reappeared on the border.

Marshal Petain has always spoken in the sharpest terms of French politicians, of their recantations and their corruption. And among them all the one he chose as a partner was Pierre Laval.

Mr. Laval was hardly a success in 1931 as President of the Council. He was considered a failure particularly in the field of foreign affairs. So the Senate overturned his ministry as soon as Briand, who was a member of it, had died.

Those who were ill-informed were, therefore, surprised when Doumergue chose him in 1934 as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and still more surprised at the strong support given him by Marshal Petain. At this time the government policy was strongly nationalistic, and Doumergue, who had initiated ministerial broadcasts, issued warnings of the German danger every week to the country at large. Already, however, although the accusation was not openly made, people doubted Laval's firmness in regard to the Nazis.

In principle, he was to continue the admirable work of his predecessor, Louis Barthou. With the passage of years one sees clearly that he set to work at once to destroy it.

Barthou had planned an encirclement of Germany which would have long delayed, if not prevented, the vast Hitlerian design.

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PARISIANS, UNDER YOKE, HOPE GONE, MISERY RISING

(By Sonia Tomara)

A YEAR AGO on June 15, German troops entered Paris. It was Friday. The city was deserted. Three million Parisians had fled before the invaders. Those who remained were barricaded behind closed doors and windows.

The French government was in Tours, on the Loire. It was not to return to Paris in the first year of occupation.

Men on motorcycles came in first through the gate of Pantin and the poorest northeastern suburbs. They rumbled over the Paris pavement at 7 a.m. Later came tanks, trucks and cars filled with officers. They poured from the north, northwest and the west. The proudest victors rolled past the Arc de Triomphe, on the Place de l'Etoile, and down the Champs Elysees. The rallying point was on the Concorde, which Jean Giraudoux, the French poet, had called "the world's most beautiful place."

The swastika flag was soon to float over the Triumphal Arch and the Eiffel Tower.

It still floats there. After over a year of occupation the German are entrenched solidly in the City of Light, which has become a city of gloom and darkness—not only because of the black-out which envelops it every night, but also because of the misery and despair which are the lot of Frenchmen as of all people under German domination.

Little News

Little news has come out of Paris in the last year. Whatever has reached here has been brought by weary refugees from France. No mail and no cables have been let out of occupied France. The Germans jealously guard the frontier they have drawn through the heart of the country. Even the Frenchmen who live on different sides of it know little of one another. It seems from reports received from France that the Germans have succeeded not only in splitting the land but in dividing the French people.

Parisians have learned a bitter lesson during the year of occupation. At first, when the Germans came, they were relieved to see order restored and the threat of bombing removed. The Germans were "correct," they paid for all they bought.

It seems to-day that they have bought — with French money to be sure—all there was to buy in France. They started with the goods in the stores that were still plentiful a year ago. Their army of occupation, estimated at first at 2,500,000 and more, fed on French wheat and beef. The champagne wine stored in the cellars of Rheims and Epernay was shipped to Germany.

But all this was not enough. As time went on and the invasion of England was postponed, German troops were sent home, or to the Balkan front. But the German authorities still are levying 400,000,000 francs a day for occupation. Yet it is calculated that the cost of occupation does not exceed 150,000 francs a day.

Invade Mines And Factories

The rest is pure profit for Germany. The billions of francs piled up over months have been used to buy the majority of stocks in all French industrial enterprises. Germans now control the iron works in the north-east, the coal mines of the north, the French textile mills, the Lyons silk industry, the chemical plants near Paris and Marseilles, the phosphates of North Africa and the utilities and railways. They also have "bought" from the French many of their foreign holdings such as the Bor copper mines in Yugoslavia. If peace were signed it would be natural that the Germans would take over from the French their share in the Suez Canal.

With war still going on along the Channel, and France being cut off from all reserves of raw materials, work has been scarce. It seems from reports that tens

of thousands of Frenchmen could find no employment when they returned to Paris. Qualified workers were offered jobs in Germany. Forty thousand accepted. If they had not occupied their role and ration cards would have been taken from them. According to information smuggled out of Paris the distress is very great among white collar workers no longer needed. The dole received by unemployed is twelve francs a day, or 22 cents at the official rate. Yet rationed goods are scarce and the prices on the "black market" are said to be "extravagant."

Misery Growing

So misery is growing from day to day. Persons arrived from Paris recently say that last winter was hard but next winter, it is feared, will be even worse.

This summer's crops are expected to be small because most of the seeds have been eaten. Besides, more than a million farmers and farmhands are held in German prison camps. Transportation of goods is hampered by absence of gasoline and shortage of coal. One hundred and fifty thousand French railroad coaches have gone to Germany. Paris is said to be like a city of the dead at night. It has no taxis, no buses, no private cars. Only German military get gasoline.

All through the winter, Parisians had hoped against hope, it is said, that Great Britain and the United States might join hands to defeat the German overlords. But the German victories in the Balkans and the Mediterranean seem to have erased optimism. So the Parisians appear resigned when they are pushed into "collaboration" with the enemy. "We have to live," they say, "and only the Germans can give us bread."

TATTOOING BACK IN FASHION AGAIN

Tattooists in England are busier than they have been for many years.

The reason is that thousands of men and women going into the forces are bringing tattoo marks back into fashion.

Both men and women are having their regimental badges tattooed on their arms, there is also a big demand for identification number markings.

A London tattooist stated that though men still formed the bulk of his clientele, increasing numbers of women were attending daily.

"Another idea is to have their blood groups tattooed on them in case they are caught in air raids."

"CIGARETTE AND LIPSTICK OUTLOOK" MUST GO

The "cigarette and lipstick outlook on life" must be changed, said the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. C. E. Curzon, recently.

"I have no objections to cigarettes, but I am glad lipstick was not invented when I was a young man," he said.

"They are symbols which will have to be replaced by others. I suggest these new symbols should be the spade and cradle."

WANTS FIT MEN OUT OF BALLOON CREWS

The Secretary for Air is to be asked in Parliament if he will consider a release to other services of all officers and men of military age and medical fitness now employed in balloon barrage crews.

He will also be asked what decisions have been reached for the employment of members of the Women's Royal Air Force in balloon barrage, so as to release men of military age and fitness.

BOMBED HOSPITAL MOVES

St. Thomas's Hospital, four times bombed, is to move out into the country. A new St. Thomas's is to be opened in a hut encampment surrounded by trees, hills, and green fields at a beauty spot in the heart of Surrey.

Most of the ruins of the old hospital are to be walled up till better times. It is the first London hospital to take this step.

A hundred beds and a skeleton staff will remain in London.

The other day a reporter talked with some of the 70 nurses and 40 "pinkies"—pink-overalled cleaners—at the hospital.

They have survived the wrecking of their kitchens, their canteen, dispensary, nurses' home, medical out-patients' block, and several wards. They have spent days without normal water, light, heat, or telephone.

You might think they would be rather excited, wondering who would be lucky enough to be sent to Surrey for the duration.

Instead, one nurse said, "Matron hasn't yet told us who is to leave London. I think we'd all prefer to stay here."

"It doesn't seem right to leave now that the bombing's getting bad again. It's as if we were walking out on it, I hope she doesn't choose me for Surrey."

The sister in charge of the "pinkies" said, "I've been able to find only two who are willing to move out to Surrey. The others refuse to leave London."

Children's Hut

In the new St. Thomas's each ward hut will contain 30 beds, a ward kitchen, and a sister's room. Covered passages will link the huts. One hut will be set aside for child air-raid victims.

St. Thomas's medical students who have been working in nearby Surrey hospitals, will now be able to return to their own hospital, and serve our sick. I was told.

"They will live in an old manor house close by."

"We hope eventually to have about 350 beds, and a staff of nearly 700 there. Food lorries will be sent out daily from the London Hospital. Emergency cases will be sent to the country as soon as they can be moved."

The governors of St. Thomas's are hoping to retain the new premises after the war as an auxiliary hospital.

Restoration Of Peace In China A Long Way Off

(By Percy Whiteing)

THE RESTORATION of peace throughout China is still a long way off, laments a political writer, Makoto Komura, in an article in the popular "Hochi," in which he surveys the Japan-China conflict.

It has taken on the status of a prolonged conflict, says Mr. Komura, continuing: "Though neither Japan nor China has formally declared war, there is no doubt that the China Incident is a war, and it is being carried on with the entire national strength on both sides. The front, at first in north China, expanded to central China, and then to interior points and south China.

"The conflict also has involved French Indo-China and Burma, and it has in fact taken on the shape of a total war, as defined by the late German military leader, Marshal Ludendorff.

It is, no doubt, a struggle of life or death in Chungking. In the case of Japan also it is a war being fought with her entire national strength, even though the military power being exerted in it may be said to be only one-fifth or even one-tenth of her total fighting strength.

"It is not common in world history for such a total war to last for more than four years.

Prolonged War Status

It is, indeed, a remarkable development for the China Incident to enter the status of a prolonged war.

"Since this war began, the Japanese forces have strongly assaulted the Chungking armies, Communist forces and guerillas. Still the Chungking Government insists on resisting Japan and striving to attain the objective of the 'scorched earth' policy.

"While the Nanking government under the leadership of Wang Ching-wei is gradually perfecting its organisation and reaching the mind of the people, Chungking is following the downward path to become finally merely a local government.

No Compromise By Chungking

"Nevertheless the Chungking Government displays no intention of yielding to Japan nor of reaching a compromise with Nanking. It is determined to keep the peace of China disturbed by spurning the peaceful relations established between Japan and the Wang government.

"The Chungking Government, is acting in this way because it feels strength based on the vast hinterland behind it and the manpower and material resources that will enable it to continue negative resistance to Japan.

"Not only that but Britain and the United States continue to give aid to Chungking, apparently not letting it concern them in this respect that their own positions tremble before the Axis powers.

"Thus the Generalissimo is doing his utmost to continue resistance to Japan. However wide the region behind it may be and however great may be its resources enabling it to continue its resistance against Japan, this resistance will have a limit, encountering a wall it cannot surmount, if the neighbouring countries join in the movement to establish a 'new order in east Asia' and exert pressure on Chungking from behind.

"But if such a change in the international situation is not seen, the Japan-China conflict will be prolonged, and the restoration of peace to the whole of China will be far away."

Urged To Have Confidence

The people of Japan are urged by Admiral Baron Abo, member of the Cabinet's advisory council and former Navy Minister, to have full confidence in the real strength of their Empire, and to do their utmost to surmount the emergency confronting the nation and to meet anything that may arise from the present extraordinary international situation. Baron Abo made this appeal in the "Hochi."

Japan has her own strength, he says, and has made her own war preparations, yet foreigners and even some Japanese themselves do not recognise the inherent strength of Japan. The admiral's article is in part as follows: "Japan's great mission now is establishment of the new order in east Asia. The recent visit of Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking government to Tokyo, and the Konoye-Wang joint statement then issued, mark a stage in the progress of constructing this 'new order.'"

"Yet to construct this new order will be difficult, and it will take many years to achieve. Not only are we fighting Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, but we are also fighting an indirect war with Britain and the United States, who are behind Chungking.

"Britain and the United States utterly ignore our objective of bringing about a 'new order in east Asia.' But even if we have to resist them we must accomplish our great objective, through manifestation of the traditional Japanese spirit.

Self-Sufficiency In Food

"Apart from the strength based on this spirit, Japan is strong due to, among other factors, her self-sufficiency in food. Some complaints have been heard about a shortage of rice, and about the mixture of foreign rice with our own rice. Nevertheless, Japan has plenty of food.

"Japan proper and Korea produce 85,000,000 koku (425,000,000 bushels) of rice, and our fisheries produce 6,000,000 tons of fish, valued at ¥430,000,000, yearly.

"As for manpower, the population is increasing at the rate of about 1,000,000 a year. The country has great water resources, which produce abundant hydro-electric power, which is supplied to industry and dwellings to an extent that surprises foreign observers. The people are progressive and willing to learn. An old-time example of this is the adoption of firearms from the Portuguese some four centuries ago. With two guns as samples, 600 were soon produced. Based on this spirit our modern industry and military strength have attained a remarkable position.

"Besides what further progress will be made, and what further resources will be found, in Japan we shall be replenishing our supplies of raw materials from Manchoukuo, north China, Hainan, French Indo-China, and the Netherlands East Indies.

Possible Blockade Futile

So even if Britain and the United States blockade Japan and it becomes impossible to get oil, tin, copper and nickel from abroad, we shall be able to find proper substitutes. There is no need to worry about the future.

"There is no other country able to supply its entire war requirements without depending on imports. For Japan it is only necessary to advance firmly on her own strength, despite any blockade. Over-confidence without strength is to be avoided, but to under-value one's own strength, and to not advance when it should be done, would indeed be a great misfortune.

"All, whether officials, military men, merchants, students or housewives, must have confidence

LONELY SOLDIER SENDS LOVE AFTER 24 YEARS

A letter to a "lonely soldier," written by a Los Angeles woman in 1917, was discovered by a man serving in this war when he unpacked some war material recently.

The woman asked the finder to correspond with her.

He has answered the twenty-four-year-old letter.

HUGE NAZI FORCES MAINTAINED TO CONTROL CZECHS

Spontaneous pro-Yugoslavian demonstrations in Czecho-Slovakia led to the arrest of several hundreds of Czechs. Eleven Prague police officers were sent to concentration camps for failing to prevent popular demonstrations.

Colonel Hurban, Czech Minister at Washington, reports the maintenance in Bohemia and Moravia of 50, German police and 300,000 troops.

President Benes predicted on Good Friday that the Nazis would soon be making peace offers. A plebiscite, on the general lines of previous Nazi plebiscites, is being planned, the idea being to present to the world a picture of the Czech people as being content under the Nazi regime. The favourable moment for such a plebiscite would be a satisfactory conclusion of the Yugoslav-Greek campaign. President Benes warns his people in good time.

Wishful Song

Translation of a German war song broadcast from a German station, and sung by a men's choir:

"Now we are bound for England, The whole country will be destroyed by fire; Then we set out for the New World, Whence we shall fetch Rosenfeld (Roosevelt), Switzerland, the insolent porcupine, We shall seize on the way home."

Hitler has banned the works of the great German Jewish poet Heine. In a small country church in England, one of his prophecies was read out recently to the congregation: "Christianity has occasionally calmed the brutal German lust for battle, but cannot destroy that savage joy. And when once that restraining talisman, the Cross, is broken, the old stone gods will rise from unremembered ruins, and Thor will leap to life again and bring down his gigantic hammer upon the Gothic cathedrals." So wrote Heine, in 1834.

In our national strength, creating unity that in turn produces great military strength. Thus Japan will be able to conquer, even if she encounters a greater war than the China conflict, and the future of Empire will be bright."



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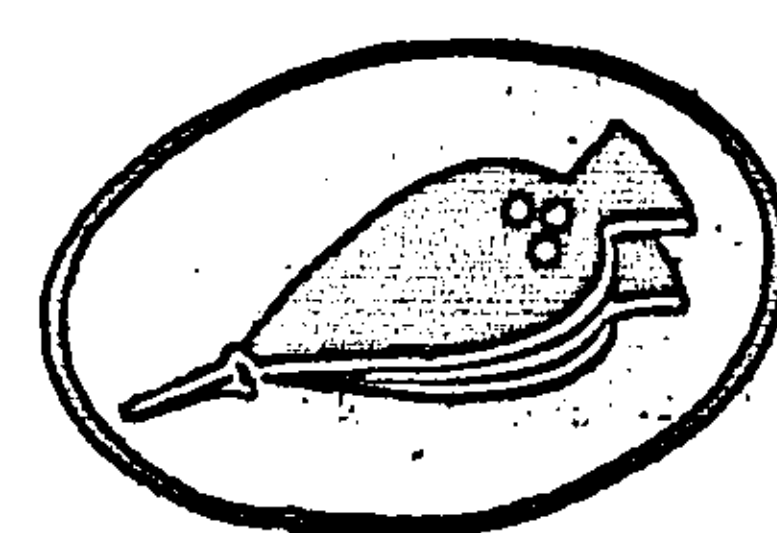
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR

By The Four Aces

"Please help us," writes a Baltimore reader. "We missed an easy game on the hand shown here, and to this day we don't know where we went wrong:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 6 6 3
♥ A K 6
♦ A 5 2
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ K 10 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 8 7 3

EAST
♠ Q
♥ 10 9 5
♦ K 8 7 4 3
♣ A 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A 9 7 4 3
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ Q
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass Pass Pass

"We lost one club and one spade, making five-odd at a contract of only two. Still, we don't see how North can raise to three spades with such poor distribution; nor do we think that North should bid spades to begin with. Do you?"

"Perhaps South should have gone on to three spades, but North could have a good deal less for his bids. In that case, making even three spades might be quite a feat. And even if North had a fairly good hand for his bids, he might bid four spades, after an invitational three spades by South, and there might well be no play at all for the contract. South simply never dreamed that the North hand would be so strong."

"Where did we make our mistake?"
The mistake took place mainly in North's choice of the opening bid. North's best opening bid is one no-trump. If South then bids two spades, North has enough extra value to raise to three spades; and South must accept the invitation to game with alacrity. As a matter of fact, South might even jump to three spades over the opening bid of one no-trump. Reaching game would then be very easy.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ K 5
♣ J 9 8 7

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Males
1♠ 2♣ (1)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your length in spades weakens your partner's defensive strength and makes it likely that you will profit more from a probable game at spades than from a doubtful penalty double of two clubs. Score 100% for two spades, 30% for three spades, 20% for double.

Question No. 769

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 8
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ 8 7 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Males
1♠ Pass (1)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)
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velopment. His finest achievement was the new pact with Russia. It was understood that this alliance was not to affect in any way the internal affairs of France, which was continuing resolutely its anti-Communist policy.

Laval signed the pact arranged by Barthou and the very next day set out for Moscow to close the agreement. But he took care to announce *urbi et orbi* that he would prevent the pact from being ratified by Parliament, which pleased the anti-Russian Right but was not designed to arouse great confidence on the part of the Soviet government.

On the other hand, during the consultations in Moscow, Laval asked Stalin to suggest that the French Communist party be more conciliatory. Delighted to have the French government ask for his protection, Stalin publicly ordered his French partisans to facilitate the defence efforts of the Cabinet. The effect of this measure was deplorable. The Communists regained an importance in France which they had completely lost and which continued to increase. It was Laval's trip to Moscow which gave birth to the Popular Front.

It is easy to fathom the reasons which drew Petain and Laval together. These two ambitious men complemented one another.

Laval was the chief of the pro-Italian party, recruited from the centre and the right of Parliament, and the more powerful because it included a number of anti-German patriots. Laval represented, as well, the big business interests and, in this role, he had at his disposal a huge electoral fund. In spite of all these trumps, he was neither liked nor respected in the country. Petain brought him his name, his rank, and a popularity far less dazzling than it is to-day but which, by constant propaganda, they tried to inflate.

There was another reason. We know that the marshal was not partial to responsibility while Laval—one must do him this justice—assumed it willingly.

For seven years they were close collaborators. But while "President" Laval thought he had Marshal Petain where he wanted him, and saw that the fact was suggested everywhere by his admirers and hits agents, it was the marshal who continually made use of the President.

For M. Laval, because he had been successful in settling quarrels among politicians, or in ending strikes, was convinced that he could conquer the leading statesmen with an irresistible charm if they only had an opportunity to see his face and his smile and hear his voice.

It is this total misconception which led him successively to the White House to convince Mr. Herbert Hoover; to Rome to make Mussolini his friend for life; to the Kremlin to inflame Stalin with love.

So many journeys—so many failures! But these mishaps did not stop M. Laval. Late in 1939, after the war had broken out, he wanted to return to Rome and he offered to make the pilgrimage at his own risk, implying his ability to prevent Italy from going into the war—who knows? to detach it from Germany.

The human soul does not change. When he had become hereditary Prince of the France of Vichy, M. Pierre Laval had only one dream—to appear before Hitler.

On October 23, 1940, after incredible efforts, he obtained an interview which took place in Paris. What were the feelings of Adolf Hitler before Pierre Laval, the man who believed himself destined to become the Fuehrer of France? We will never know. But up to this time, this conversation, so long desired, has produced results favourable neither to France nor to M. Laval personally.

IRISH FILL "EASY—MONEY" JOBS

Harry the London barman joins up. Pat takes his place. Harry the cocktail shaker, or the hotel porter, the cinema attendant, the liftman joins up. There's a Pat ready, I found recently, to jump into all such "neutral" jobs, writes an "Express Staff" reporter.

Since war began unemployment in neutral Eire has been rising.

In spite of a vast increase in the Eireann Army, a shortage of raw materials has recently led to a jump in the number of workless.

So the Pats look to England for work and wages.

Some come here as agricultural labourers, others as navvies. But the slicker, more sophisticated townsmen look for easy money in London, where employers are eager for staff.

Admission of Eire nationals to work here is controlled by the Ministry of Labour, which takes the view that it is all to the good that labour should be available to release men for the services.

Many mechanics from garages and engineering shops in Eire, which are now idle because of a lack of supplies, are seeking work in munitions factories here.

Men from Eire cannot be conscripted for the fighting services until they have been two years in this country.

Liabie To Serve

The same rule applies to men from the other Dominions.

They are now liable for civil defence duties, such as fire-watching, and girls from Eire will not be able to claim any exemption from Mr. Bevin's industrial call-up.

When war began there was a rush of Irish men and women who wanted to go home. Now the United Kingdom Permit Office in Merrion-square, Dublin, is busy with applications for permits to come to England.

Any one who has got a job here is, as a rule, given a permit.

Irishmen who leave this country within the two-year period to avoid conscription are not, however, allowed to return. They must stay in Eire while the war lasts.

A West End barman from Kilkenny said to me: "With a lot of us it is a question of keeping the old folks at home. I came over in January and I'll work my two years here and send as much I can home."

"Then I'll be glad to join up and fight, so long as I know the old people have a bit of money to keep them going."

"Plenty of us Irish are doing A.R.P. work, anyway, and it's not to London we'd come for safety if that's what we wanted. The wolf's on our door-step in Eire now, and we've got to do what we can about it."

LONG HAIR IS REPRIEVED

Women with long hair have been having it cropped because of the hair-pin shortage. They need not have worried.

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The manager of a large chain stores told a reporter: "Metal hairpins are now practically unobtainable in shops in this country. Only a few are being manufactured and they are for export. The substitute pins will be more expensive, probably about 3d. for a packet of twelve."



The mentally sketchy girlfriend says when her beau tells her he's foot weary the only suggestion she can make is that he get shoes a little wider.

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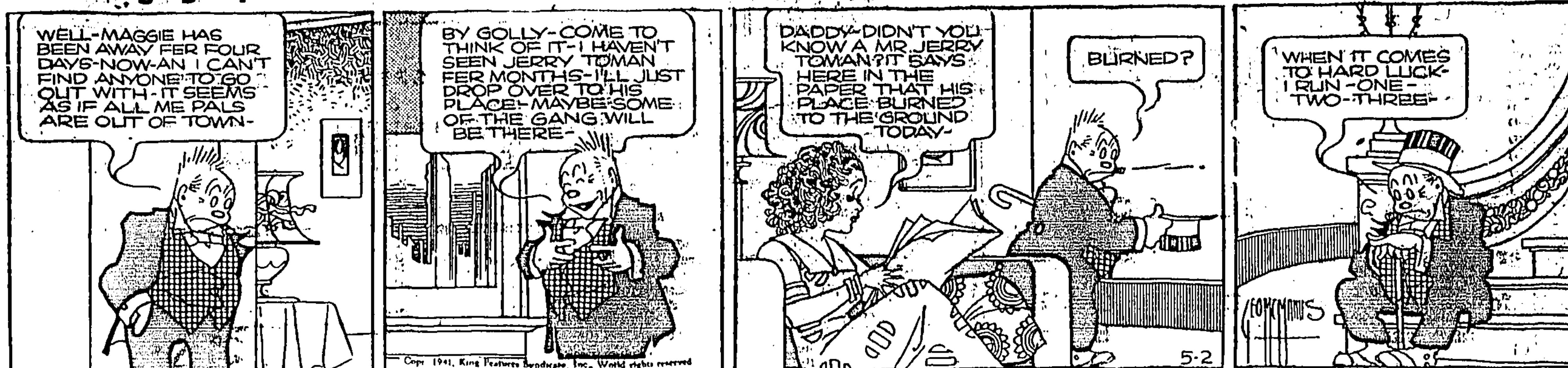
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Bringing Up Father

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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Entire Meal Tastes Better If It
Contains At Least

ONE HOT DISH

Says Dorothy Greig

One of the things that lend zip and zest to summer meals is contrast. We plan for contrast in texture for instance, a crunchy food and a smooth one. Contrast of colour makes a meal look more appealing, too. The green of beans, the yellow of corn, the red of strawberries. And most important of all is contrast of temperature. Cold food for summer meals if you like but get contrast by serving some hot food also in every meal.

Indeed, serving at least one hot dish does much more than just give balance and zest. It actually aids digestion, helps to keep us feeling fit through the druggy days. And it is wise to serve this hot food as early in the meal as possible.

For example, if the main dish is cold meat or a big husky salad, let's start with a light hot soup. That puts the tummy in good humour to digest the cold foods that follow.

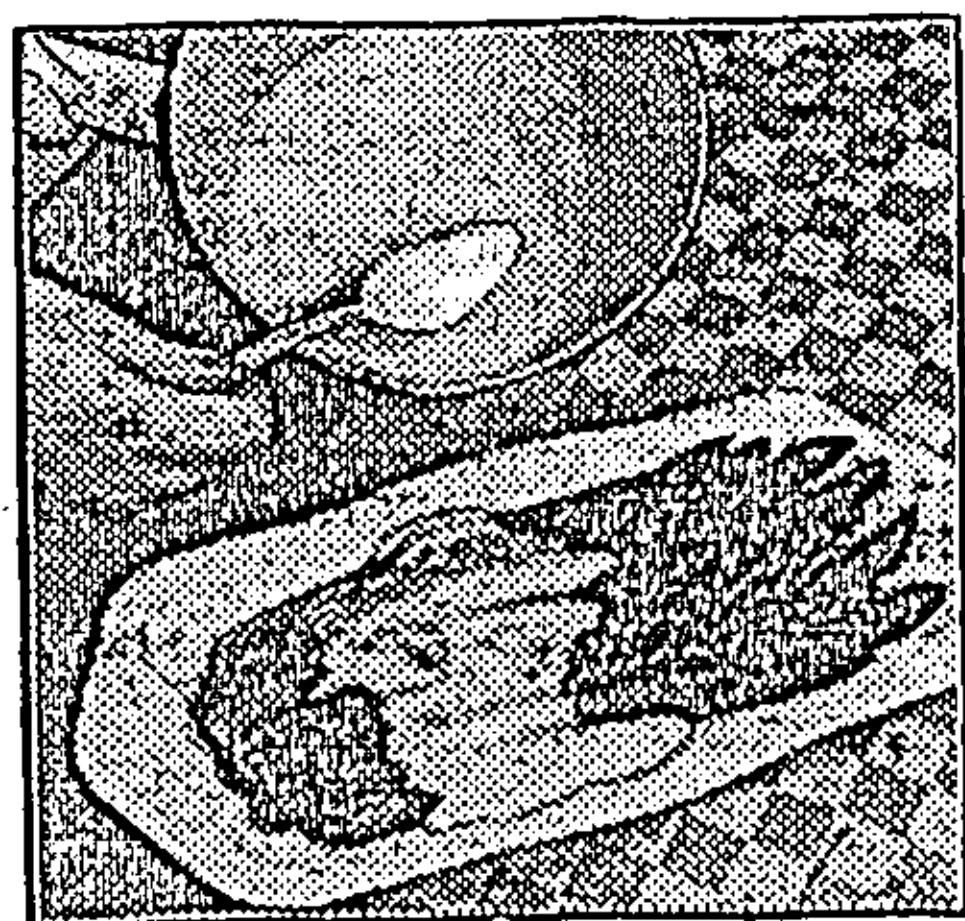


Chopped Steak and Spanish Rice Casserole a zestful dish to sparkle up a summer meal.

IT'S ASPARAGUS TIME — and all's well

Dorothy Greig

ONE of the palate treats of early summer is fresh green asparagus. It arrives green and succulent, with its own elusive fragrance. Its time is all too fleeting, so enjoy it we must while we may.



Served hot, dressed lavishly with golden melted butter is perhaps our first thought. But if your taste runs to more provocative and positive flavors then enhance asparagus with a gay and edgy sauce that combines the delicate sharpness of pimiento cheese with the rich mushroom flavor of condensed cream of mushroom soup. For all its flavor, this sauce is easy to make. This is how it goes. But first we start with the asparagus.

1 bunch fresh asparagus
To cook whole, tie loosely in a bunch; put into rapidly boiling salted water and cook, uncovered, 10-20 minutes or until tender. Lift bunch from kettle, drain; serve hot stalks arranged parallel with sauce poured over them.

Mushroom-Pimiento Sauce:
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 ounces pimiento cheese
Stir the milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup and then add the pimiento cheese. Heat in a double boiler until the cheese melts and then pour over the asparagus. Serves 6.

On the other hand, if the first course is jellied consommé, chilled tomato juice or fruit cup, follow along with a hot main dish or maybe a hot vegetable casserole.

Here is the recipe for a light soup that makes a fine beginning to a summer meal:

Chicken Noodle And Celery Soup

1 can condensed chicken noodle soup

1 can condensed celery soup

2 cans milk (using the soup can for a measure.)

Combine the chicken noodle and celery soups. Then add 2 cans milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And for a hot main dish you will enjoy this, not only for its fine flavour but because it looks so savoury, thanks to its contrast of sizzling brown meat cakes on

white rice that has been mixed with green peppers and red condensed tomato soup.

Chopped Steak And Spanish Rice Casserole

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons onion, chopped
1 can condensed tomato soup
3 1/2 cups cooked rice
1 pinch pepper

Melt the butter, add chopped green pepper and chopped onion and cook until soft. Then add the tomato soup, well-drained cooked rice, and pepper. Stir carefully until well mixed. Put into a casserole and arrange raw chopped steaks on the top.

Chopped Steaks: Mix together one pound ground round steak, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/2 teaspoon pepper. Shape into flat patties and put on the Spanish Rice. Put casserole under the broiler and broil the steaks first on one side and then the other. Serves 5-6.

Are You A Trespasser?

There are such a lot of ways of trespassing.

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But it's only fair to remind you—If you're that kind of trespasser—that man may resent having enjoyed flirting with you. He'll hate you equally for making him feel either a cad or conspicuous.

And what can we say for you, if you're the kind of trespasser who cuts in on other people's good stories? Or who pinches their

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And oh, oh, do you trespass on parties? Do you ring up someone you've neglected who's giving one and say, "Darling, when can I see you?"

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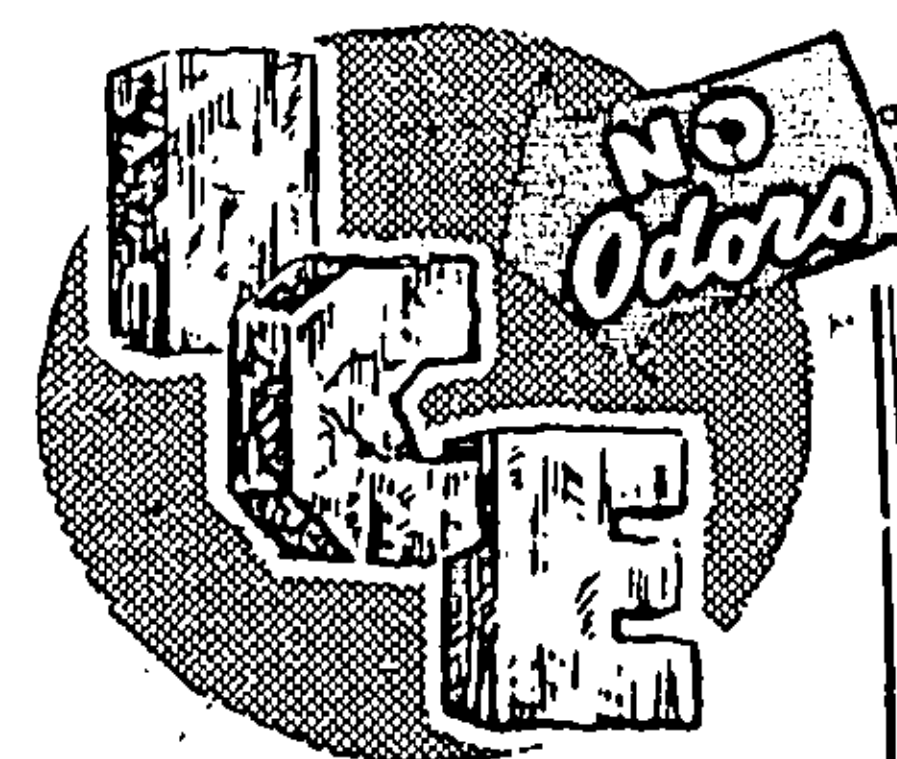
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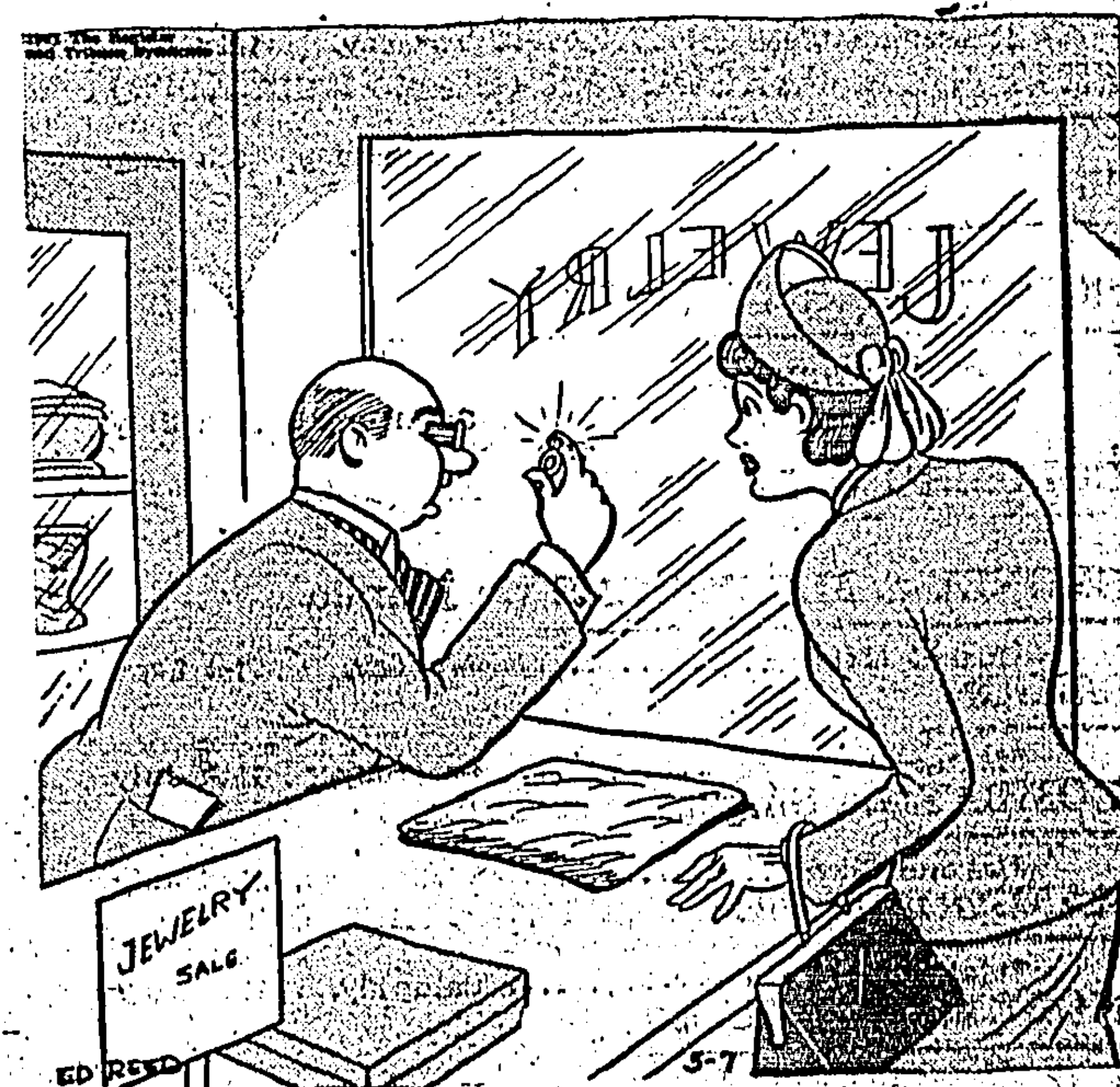
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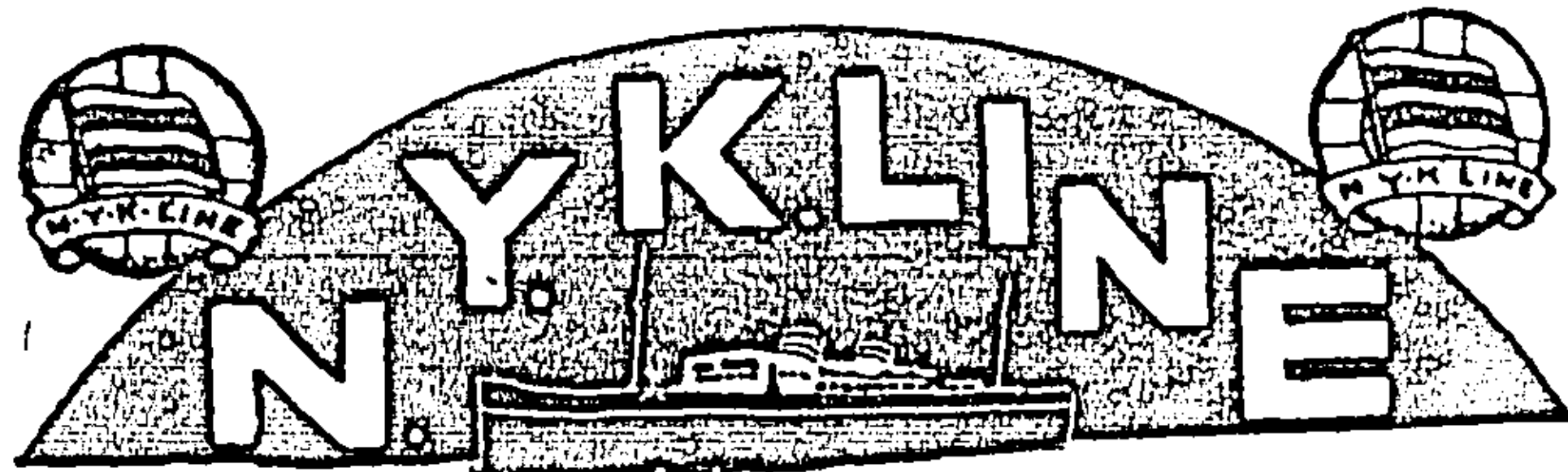
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Borodin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor—Allegro—Scherzo—Andante—Allegro—The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Anne Shelton, Flanagan and Allen and The Ballyhoolligans.

Flanagan & Allen Memories—Intro: Wanderer: Dreaming: Where The Arches Used To Be: Can't We Meet Again: A Million Tears: Underneath The Arches—Flanagan and Allen (Comedians) with Orchestra.

Temptation Rag—Fox-Trot (Lodge): Somebody Stole My Gal (Wood)....

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I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis, Ater, Sanley): Maybe (Flynn-Madden):

Anne Shelton (Vocal).

Choo-Choo—Quick-Step (Malneck & Trumbauer): China Boy—Quick-Step (Winfrey-Boutelle).... The

Ballyhoolligans.

In A Little Rocky Valley (Green & others): Flanagan & Allen (Comedians) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.

"Geisha"—Selection (Jones): Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Die Fledermaus"—Vocal Gems (J. Strauss).... The Grand Opera Company with Orchestra.

"A Country Girl"—Selection (Lionel Monckton).... The London Theatre Orchestra.

"The Three Waltzes"—Te Souvleut—II: C'est La Saison D'Amour (Marchand & Willemetz).... Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orch.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.46 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz.

Suite Iberia—Triana—El Corpus en Sevilla—El Puerto. The Madrid Symphony Orchestra.

Cordoba—Arthur Dubinstein (Piano).

Quisiera Olvidar Tus Ojos—Tango.

Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orch.

Evocation—Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Malaguena (Spanish Dance).... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) accomp. by Piano.

7.20 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Lily Pons (Soprano).

Moszkowski Dances Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (Arr. Petersen).... The Blue Hungarian Band.

Let Hear The Gentle Lark (Bishop) Lily Pons with Orchestra.

A Frangese! (Mario Costa): Souvenir De Pausilippe (Godfrey Andolf)....

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Laforge (Piano).

Fire Festival (Feuerfest) Polka (Josef Strauss-Op. 269): The Sinner's Joy—Polka Francaise (Johann Strauss).... Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Quitter—Three English Dances. The New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ainslie Murray.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"Some British Poets"—No. 5—Matthew Arnold. Father T Ryan, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

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10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened To You: Rumba—The Rhumba-Cardi You: Xavier Cugat and his Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra.

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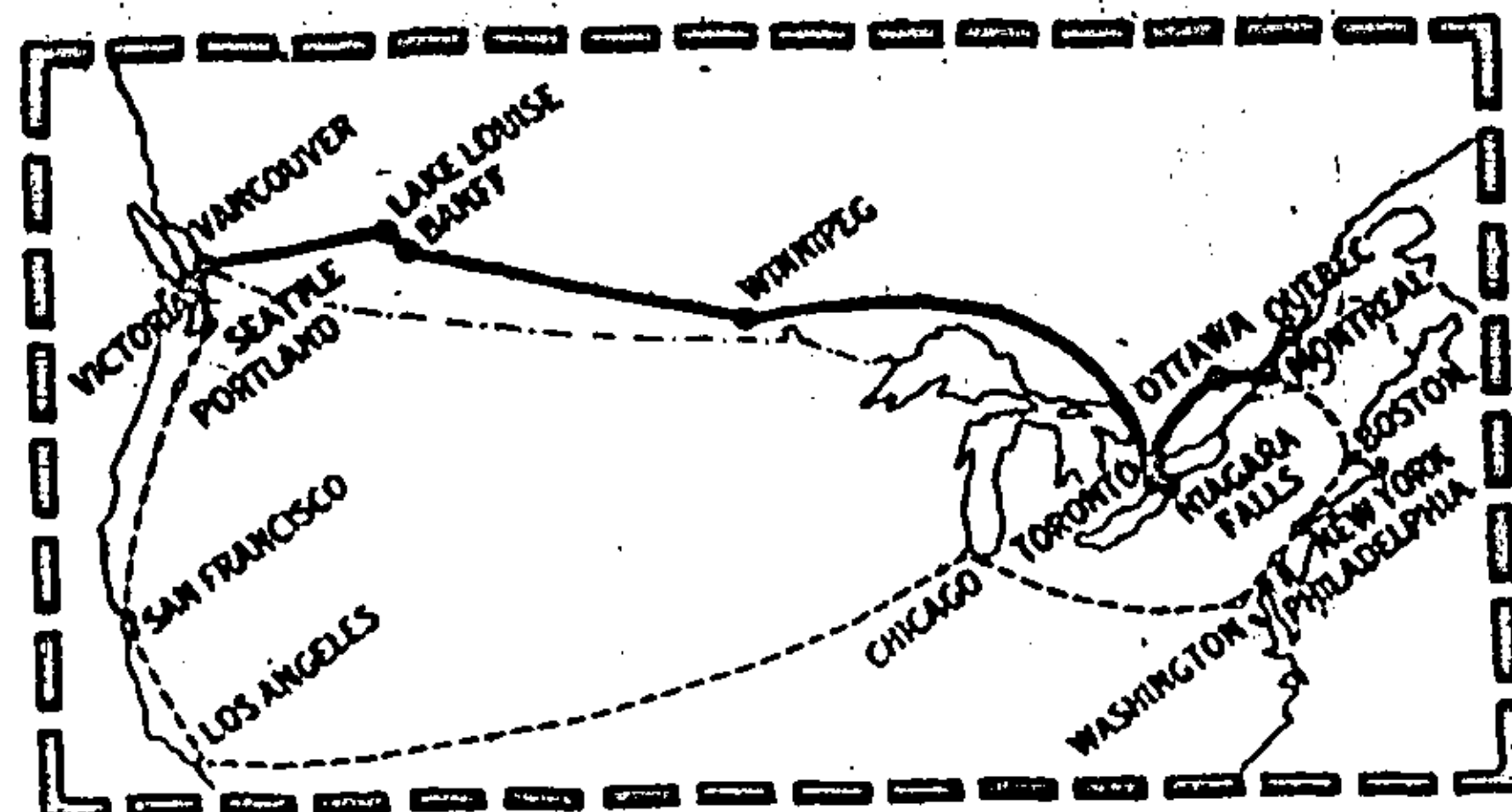
Waltz—Toyland (from "Babes in Toyland"): Gipsy Love Song (from "The Fortune Teller").... Harry Horlick & his Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London—"Britain To-day".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

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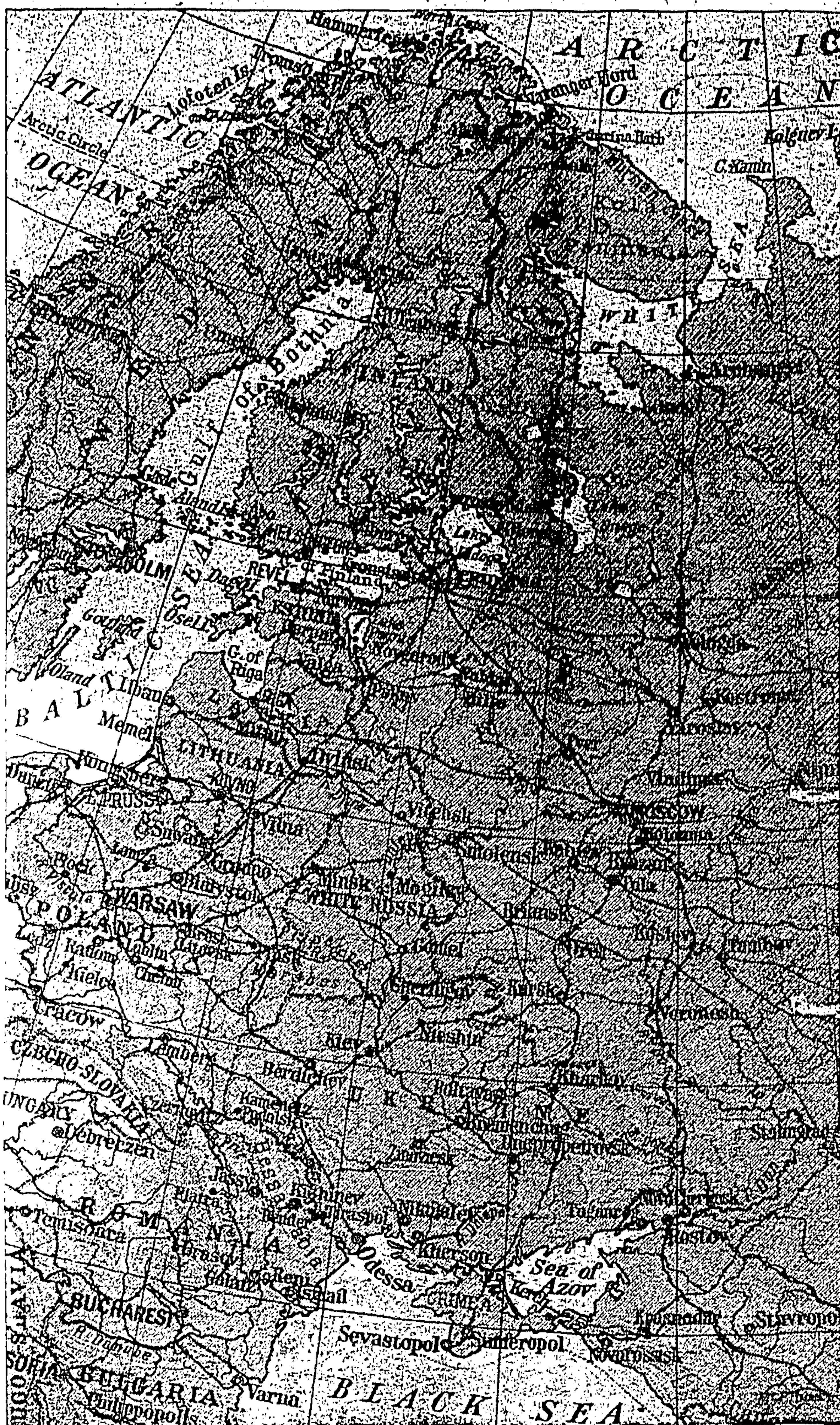
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The girl, Jean Stormand, of Sunderland, qualified to be a Civil Service telegraphist just before she was injured a few months ago. She was with father and mother in their shelter during an air raid when a German Nazi plane crashed down on them.

All hope of rescuing the family had been given up when they were saved—all badly injured.

Jean's mother died, her father seriously injured his feet, and Jean, who was not expected to live, pulled through with her hands amputated.

She does not want sympathy. That, she says, is for those who "are much worse than I am."

Living For Job

She is the most cheerful girl in Sunderland Infirmary, where she is recovering steadily. She had a happy word for everyone—doctors, nurses and patients.

Mr. Stormand, too, is still in hospital. "Jean had just passed her examination to join the Civil Service when the accident happened," he told a reporter.

"She had always wanted this job and was just living for when she could take it up."

"Then everything was smashed in a few moments. But she has not let this crush her."

"How the hands she wants will be brought from America I don't know. The cost is about £400 and we have lost everything in our home."

"Jean's legs were injured and her face badly burned, but she has recovered miraculously."

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They include Sergeant Andy Miller, an air gunner and amateur heavy-weight boxing champion of Canada, and a flying stunt man of Texas.

The most interesting American personality is E. Clark, a Californian, who, in a thrill-packed life, has fought in China against Japan and helped the Republicans against General Franco.

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'GOOD TIME' WIFE SLAIN

"Sybil has hurt me in every possible way that a woman can hurt a man."

This passage from a diary was read at Gosport (Hants) recently when Donald Jack Chilvers, 30, was charged with the murder at Lee-on-Solent of his wife Sybil Ann, 25, once blonde "Beauty Queen" of Norwich.

Mr. E. G. Robey, prosecuting, said in the diary was written: "I would have forgiven Sybil for everything, but Sybil would not have it that way."

"A good time for herself" was more important to her than anything else. I cannot bear to think of somebody making love to her."

"Only God, Sybil and myself know what has happened to us young people. God. He does not talk. Sybil is dead, and I myself will soon be dead."

To his mother, he wrote (said counsel): "Sybil has driven me too far at last."

provide him with all necessities and even luxuries. Then he will leave because he too, knows the laws of hospitality. Then and only then you may shoot him—in the back if you prefer—but before he has left your house and is beyond the borders of your

MINDANAO CHALK UP FIFTH CONSECUTIVE WIN WHEN BEATING S. CHINA 11-1

By "Grandstand"

LOU POWLAWSKI'S MERRY MINDANAOANS CHALKED UP THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER SOUTH CHINA 11 TO 1 YESTERDAY AT RAILWAY CORNER.

Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau showed decided improvement by limiting the cloud bumping mace maulers to only 10 blows, and struck out four in six frames, whilst mound victor Henry "Grooner" Ruel doled out three safeties, fanned three and walked three in four innings. Relief chucker Tony Mascavage pitched a no-hit, no-run ball for the rest of the tussle.

The Caroliners started off with a bang as Cecil Winglee thumped the horse-hide into deep left, but the relay beat him by a whisker to rob him of a three-bagger. Nelson Ma worked Ruel for a walk, made third on Hal Winglee's sacrifice dump, and dented the counting station for the only South China marker as first-sacker Bob Strahl fumbled Ray Wilson's easy toss. Four solid blows, assisted by five expensive bingles, gave the Merry Mindanaos a flying start of six tallies.

Sacks Soused

In the next frame, Nam Hwa had the sacks soused with only one away. Cecil Winglee rapped out a grass cutter to third, but Harry Chinn was forced out at the plate for the second erasure. Nelson Ma fanned the breeze to end the threat.

Al Schacht receives a dime a volume on the sale of his book, "Clowning Through Baseball."

Jerry Ford has resigned as supervisor of freshman athletics at Penn to become football coach and instructor in English at St. George's School, Newport.

It's "Professor" Dizzy Dean now. The one-time major league pitching star, who signed as a Chicago Cubs coach recently, will direct a Cub summer baseball school for boys of 17 to 20.

Yale's Athletic Association has announced the election of Vincent W. Carpenter of Minneapolis, Minn., captain of the University's 1942 track team. He excelled as a hammer thrower. A trophy for pole vaulting prowess went to Edward R. Muscomber of Rochester, N.Y.

It is understood that Miss Pat Pascoe, who was amongst the successful candidates at the recent Matriculation Examinations, will be going up to the University after the Summer vacation, and will be joining the Medical Faculty. Miss Pascoe plays a useful game of softball as well as hockey and should prove a useful addition to the ranks of the lady undergraduate sports-women.

The first meeting of the new Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held to-day at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are the appointment of the Appeals Board, the Emergency, Referees and Grounds Committees, the election of the Hon. Secretary and consideration of the applications of new Clubs.



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South China	0	0	.000

Chalking up two in the second and fourth, and one in the sixth, the Mighty "M" clamped down the screws and blanked the Caroliners for the remainder of the scuffle.

Standing on the right side of the platter, gardener Earl "High-Jumper" Wilson parked Lau's first pitch into deep left for a triple, the longest blow of the day, the other extra-base clout being knocked in by Cecil Winglee.

E. Wilson, Lou Powlawski and Tony Mascavage connected for two safeties in four trips to the plate.

	H.	R.	E.
South China	1	0	0
Cecil Winglee	0	1	2
Nelson Ma	1	0	1
Hal Winglee	0	0	1
Jimmy Chung	0	0	2
C. W. Ng	0	0	1
Harry Chinn	0	0	1
Pat Wong	0	0	1
David Lo	1	0	0
Ernie Moy	0	0	0
Paul Lau	0	0	0

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Innings	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	Totals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
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Runs	6	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	11
Hits	4	2	0	3	1	0	0	1	10

TO-DAY'S GAME

In order to ease the schedule, Hong Kong Baseballers and Royal Engineers have arranged to play off their second round fixture to-day at 6.15 p.m. at Railway Corner.

Umpires selected for this tilt are Hal Winglee, Stan Leonard and Nip Lum.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christy Mathewson once pitched 68 consecutive innings for the New York Giants without giving a base on balls.

Hong Kong Baseball Club is the only team in the League who are out in the field, the shortest time, and on many occasions they are in position for fielding before their opponents have actually left the diamond.

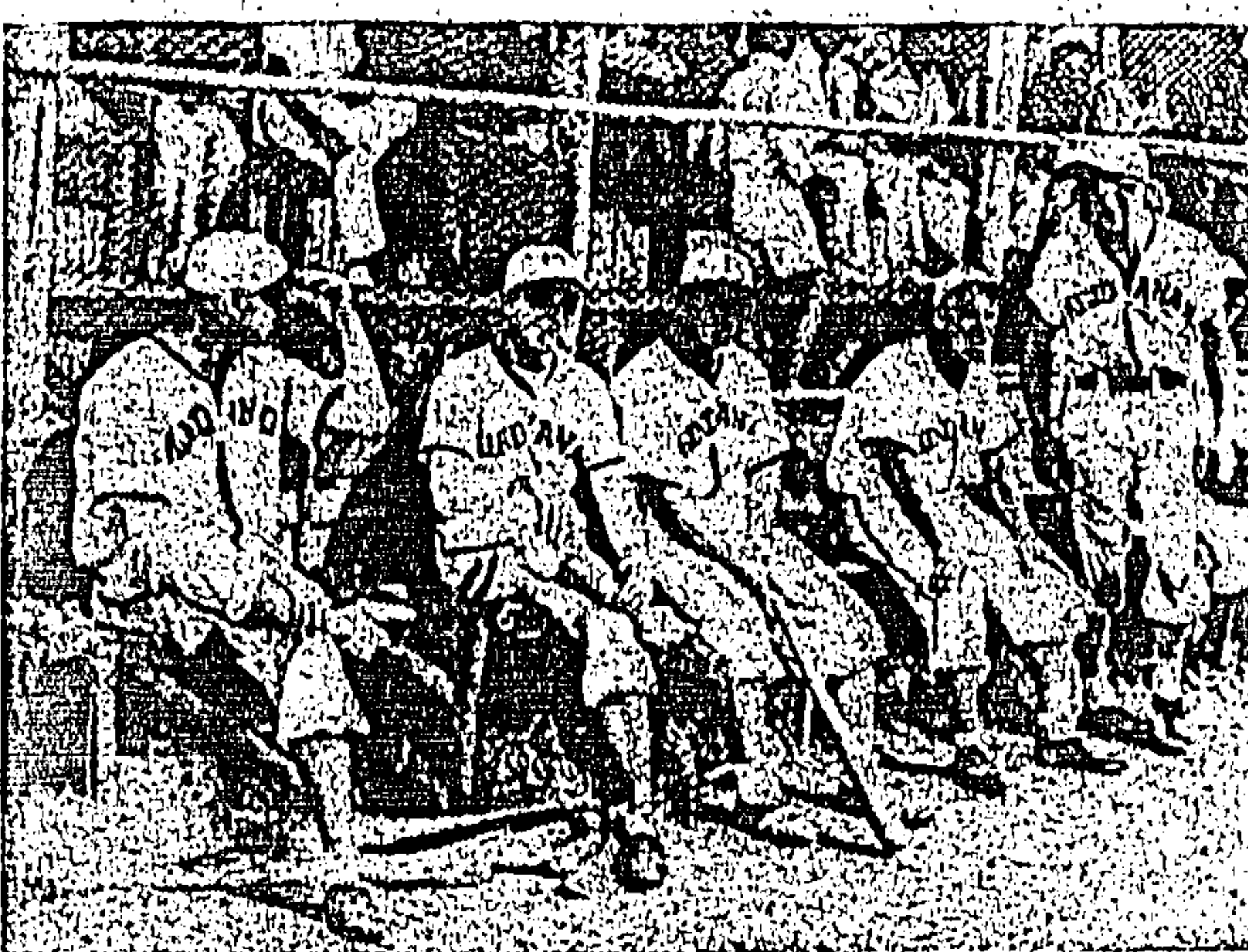
EASIER GOLF

LIVE-WIRE WRISTS

By Best Ball

Ben Hogan's wiry body allows him one of the most complete swinging arcs in the game; not only a wide backstroke but an extended follow through. The result is distance, as much yardage in fact as much heavier pros. Despite his wide arc, Hogan is accurate and narrow fairways hold no terrors for him.

Much of Hogan's lashing stroke is directly attributable to his live wrists. Because of his complete windup, he must start unleashing his wrist cock sooner than the more abbreviated swinger. Yet so carefully has Hogan gauged the action, in the hitting area, that the final punch does not take place until impact is reached. The swing through is smooth and Hogan makes no attempt to stop the club but allows the momentum to carry it well over this left shoulder as illustrated. Carrying the finish through in



U.S.S. Mindanao players all ready for the game against H. B. last Saturday. H. B. however, did not put in an appearance, following their notification to the Baseball League that they had only seven players, due to Volunteers, the cause of business and illness. Their request for a postponement was refused by the League and H. B. have now withdrawn from the League.

CEYLON SWIMMING TIMES NOT UP TO HONGKONG STANDARD

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR SWIMMING SEASON AT THE MOMENT, FOLLOWERS OF AQUATICS HERE WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CEYLON HAVE JUST BEEN CONCLUDED AND THAT FOUR NEW MARKS WERE SET UP IN THE COURSE OF THE MEET.

In the 220 Yards free-style, A. F. Arndt covered the distance in 2 mins. 40 secs. to set up a new record. This compares unfavourably with the Hong Kong record of 2 mins. 25 secs, which W. Lawrence established in 1935. The present holder of the Colony title in this event is Chan Chun-nam, whose time last year was 2 mins. 32 1/5 secs.

The new Ceylon record of 69 2/5 secs., by A. Fairweather for the 100 Yards back-stroke is also behind the Colony mark of 68 4/5 secs., set up by Lau Poh-wei in 1936. Present holder of the Colony title is A. K. Rumbh, who was clocked at 70 secs. last year.

In view of the fact that the V.R.C. Swimming Committee have decided to introduce the 220 Yards breast-stroke event into the programme at the forthcoming Colony Championships, it is interesting to note that the Ceylon record for this distance is 2 mins. 52 secs., set by D. C. Ingleton,

who equalled his own record at this meeting.

The other record broken during the Ceylon Championships was in the 150 Yards back-stroke, an event not included in the Colony Championships, when A. Fairweather covered the distance in 1 min. 52 1/5 secs.

Of particular interest to Hong Kong is the fact that Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon, and former Governor of Hong Kong, and Lady Caldecott were interested spectators at the Championships, and that Lady Caldecott distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the swimming.

JESSE OWENS, TRIPLE OLYMPIC WINNER HAS SENSE OF HUMOUR

California track enthusiasts, especially Stanford undergrads and alumni, are keenly interested in the news from Ohio State University that Jesse Owens is preparing himself for an attempt to lower Ben Eastman's world record of 46.4 for the 440 yards.

While recognising that this is a hard record to break, Californians will not be surprised if the triple-Olympic winner is successful, as opinion seems unanimous that he could lower the mark if he prepared himself properly for the event.

Mention of Owens brings to mind the incident during the broad jump competition at the Berlin Olympics, which proved that the great Jesse has a keen

FINE FEATS BY CHINESE SWIMMERS

SOME BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES WERE WITNESSED AT THE SWIMMING TRIALS HELD AT CHINESE BATHING CLUB LAST SUNDAY.

Tsui Hang swam the best race, fully extending the renowned Ng Nin in the 50 Metres free-style, and being beaten by only a touch. In another heat Johnnie Tai, a newcomer from Residents' Association, put up a good show to beat veteran Robert Chan.

Charles Huang also swam well, and returned the best time of 64-3/5 secs. for the 50 Metres free-style.

New Stroke Applied

A feature of the breast-stroke heats was that several swimmers, who used the old stroke last year, adopted the new butterfly stroke to advantage. Ng Nin was easily the best, whilst Tsang Cheong-ming, Lai Tsun ace sprinter, also used the butterfly-stroke all the way to beat the former Colony champion, Enrique Chan, the latter employing the new stroke for the last 10 yards.

The leading Chinese back-stroke, Poon Wing-kai and Lau Yiu-ting, won their respective heats, though the former only just managed to beat Shek Kam-pui who missed a turn.

The only upset in the Ladies' events was the surprising performance of Miss Ho Wai-king, who swam remarkably well to beat Miss Ko Miu-ling, the favourite, in the 50 Yards free-style.

Miss Lily Sadick and Lee Pou-luen won the back-stroke and breast-stroke events respectively.

RINK RESULTS AT HONG KONG F.C.

Following are the latest First Round results in the Rinks competition at Hong Kong Football Club:

A. McAlpine, F. Anslow, B. I. Bickford and K. S. Robertson (skip) beat J. I. Barnes, K. Forrow, R. P. Shaw and J. A. R. Selby (skip).

C. J. Lodge, G. I. Shaw, G. E. Stephens and A. Brooksbank (skip) beat C. Carr, H. V. Pearce, H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington (skip).

A. Bailey, A. G. Gratton, A. Watson and W. Gill (skip) beat J. M. Thomson, J. Hempsey, S. Strange and N. J. Bebbington (skip).

A. B. Coleman, J. Skinner, J. D. Thomson and L. de Rome (skip) beat G. Milne, C. B. Robertson, B. A. Mansell and C. F. Needham (skip).

KOWLOON C.C. RESULTS

Following are the results to date of games in the lawn bowls tournament of Kowloon Cricket Club:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Second Round:—R. S. Meadows received a walk-over from J. Coles; N. A. E. Mackay beat A. J. Kew; T. A. Madar beat A. H. Martin; A. E. P. Guest beat E. Curtis; A. E. Perry beat R. Leigh; H. Overy beat J. M. Jack.

TYRO COMPETITION
Second Round:—A. E. P. Guest beat S. A. Gray; F. A. Fabel beat E. Abraham.

HANDICAP SINGLES
First Round:—W. M. Gittins (plus 4) beat E. J. Spradbury (plus 6); N. A. E. Mackay (plus 2) beat E. Abraham (plus 12).

HANDICAP DOUBLES
Second Round:—J. W. Burnan and N. A. E. Mackay (plus 9) beat C. J. Tacchi and A. Zimmern (plus 8).

Rene Lacoste, one of the famous "Four Musketeers" who won the Davis Cup for several years for France, has officially assumed the presidency of French Lawn Tennis Federation—United Press.

MORRISS BREAKS CRICKET RECORDS

G.\$750,000 FOR BUILDING A WINNING BASEBALL SIDE

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY CONCEDED AMONGST THE MEN OF INFLUENCE IN BIG TIME BASEBALL THAT A PENNANT CANNOT BE BOUGHT THESE DAYS, BUT THAT A LEAGUE-WINNING TEAM HAS TO BE BUILT UP GRADUALLY, LELAND STANFORD McPHAIL, BROOKLYN, DOES NOT STOP TRYING. He tosses his club's money about like water in an effort to get together the pennant-winning team.

In four years he has spent something like G\$750,000 and this is how he managed it. He gave Cardinals G\$125,000 for Joe Medwick and Curt Davis; the Phillies G\$100,000 for Kirby Higbe and G\$90,000 for Dolph Camilli. Louisville collected G\$42,500 for Pee Wee Reese and the latest is G\$50,000 to the Cubs for Billy Herman.

Some Mistakes

In his anxiety to get together the ideal nine, McPhail has made, not unnaturally, some mistakes. For instance competent judges say that his G\$40,000 outfielder, Charley Gilbert, from Nashville, will never make a big league hitter.

Mel Almada, who cost him G\$25,000 in transfer, is stated to be not such a good proposition and several others, who cost a tidy bit in transfers, have not turned out as expected.

McPhail's intense and extensive operations paid rich dividends. He has a ball club with an excellent chance of winning Brooklyn's first pennant in 21 years. Dynamic, restless, aggressive, red-haired and freckled, Larry McPhail doesn't sit around and let baseball shuffle for itself with 40-year-old and outmoded methods.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—
C.D.R. v. H.K.U.T.C.
A.T.C. v. C.C.C.
K.T.G.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.
K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
C.R.C. (2) v. K.I.T.C.
C.D.R.—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha; H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha; F. J. Remedios and J. J. Remedios.
K.T.G.C.A.—L. Chen and D. Kwok; A. H. Basto and K. M. Lee; S. Hsu and D. Chen.
I.R.C.—M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail; M. A. Wahab and M. Hassan; A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell.
S.C.A.A.—J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok; K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li; K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong.
K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; Mahan Singh and S. A. M. Sepher; M. Ramzan and K. S. Mehal.
C.C.C.—J. W. Leonard and W. K. Lee; W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo; George Lai and A. Kitchell.

S. Leonard and J. H. Xavier beat W. J. Curd and S. Solina respectively in the First Round of the Junior Singles Lawn-Bowls competition of Craigen-gower.

JOE DIMAGGIO MAKES BASEBALL HISTORY

Lean, swarthy Joe DiMaggio, greatest hitter in the major leagues to-day, reached his greatest pinnacle of fame on July 3, when he broke the 44-year-old record established by Willie Keeler, greatest of Brooklyn's all-time stars, for hitting in consecutive games.

Joe broke the record the hard way and in a blaze of glory that fans will long remember. Earlier in the game, Joe slashed one of Harold Newsome's offerings deep into the outer gardens, but Stanley Spence raced back and snagged the drive to stop Joe's drive for permanent fame.

In the third inning, Jimmy Tabor stabbed at a smoking drive off DiMaggio's big bat, and again prevented the Yankee star from cracking Keeler's record.

In the fifth inning, however, DiMaggio again faced Newsome, and there was no denying the Yankee hitter this time. DiMaggio smashed out a tremendous four-bagger that shot through the air like a cannon-ball for 400 feet.

DiMaggio crossed the home plate just a few feet behind big Red Rolfe, who had been camped on the base-paths when DiMaggio collected his homer. The partisan crowd in the stands went wild as players from both clubs clustered around DiMaggio to congratulate him on his feat.

LEUNG CHUNG-WAN TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Owing to pressure of work, Leung Chung-wan, who managed the South China football team so successfully last season, has tendered his resignation, although members of the team are requesting that he reconsider his decision.

Leung managed the team some years ago, and at the request of several of the older members of South China took over the management of the team last year, after most of the best players of the previous season had left them to join Sing Tao.

ENGINEERS WIN ARMY TENNIS TITLE

Royal Engineers won "A" Division of Army Tennis League when they beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery. In their last game yesterday at Soekunpoo by three clear points.

Sappers dropped only four points during the competition and finished up five points ahead of their nearest challengers, the Financial Adviser's staff.

Following are the scores:
Lieut. Pearce and Sgt. Lewis (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to S/Sgt. Ford and S/Sgt. Megson, 1-6, 1-6, 3-6.
Sgt. Coughlan and Bdr. Mew (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Elkey, 0-6, 5-7, 3-6.
Sgt. Morgan and Lieut. Clague (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Major D. C. E. Giese and S/Sgt. Mitchell, 4-6, 1-6, 3-6.

"B" Division Result

12th Coast Battery, R.A. beat Royal Army Service Corps "B" by three clear points in "B" Division of Army Tennis League.
Sgt. Scorry and Sgt. Shilaw (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Pte. Gengell and Pte. Tanner, 7-9, 8-4, 6-3.
L. Bdr. Painell and Gnr. Robertson (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Cpl. King and Cpl. Gardiner, 6-3, 6-1.
L. Bdr. Manard and Cpl. Hewitt (12th Battery, R.A.), beat L/Cpl. Haigh and Pte. Woodward, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.
Royal Engineers "B" received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals in this division.

Standings To Date

"A" DIVISION

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
R.E. "A"	27	23	4	23
F. A. Staff	27	18	9	18
R.A.M.C.	21	14	7	14
R.A.O.C.	18	12	6	12
5th A.A. Regt.	21	10	11	10
R.A.S.C.	21	9	12	9
Royal Signals	21	7	14	7
I.M.S.	21	6	15	6
R.A.P.C.	15	8	10	8
R.E. "B"	21	4	17	4

"B" DIVISION

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
12th Battery	12	12	0	12
24th Battery	21	12	9	12
R.A.O.C.	15	11	4	11
36th Battery	15	10	5	10
5th A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	9	6	3	6
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
R.A.M.C. "B"	6	3	3	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	3	3
95th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "B"	9	2	7	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

RECORDS AT AGE OF 20

During the past Australian cricket season, while the outstanding batsman was S. G. Barnes, who scored over a thousand runs and obtained six centuries, the most brilliant colt was Arthur Morris, who aggregated 890 runs and averaged 80.9 for 15 innings, writes "Orloher" in the "Brofer Observer."

Young Morris, who is a left-hander, made cricket history in his first appearance for New South Wales in a first-class match. Playing against Queensland in the Inter-State match last season Morris scored a century in each innings. This is a feat without parallel in first-class cricket.

The feat of scoring a century in first-class cricket in one's first appearance is a rare one, but it has been performed 37 times.

In Wisden we find the name of F. C. de Saram of Ceylon in this select list. He scored 176 in his first appearance for Oxford University vs. Gloucestershire in 1934 at Oxford. Strange to say the first name on the list is that of another Ceylon born cricketer, F. H. Bacon, son of a former Warden of St. Thomas'. F. H. Bacon was born at Mutwal in 1869 and later played for Hampshire and was its Secretary.

Records Broken

Apart from Morris no Australian cricketer had ever before this scored a century in making his debut in first-class cricket. Morris' feat in scoring two centuries in his first match is phenomenal and is a world's record. He actually scored 148 and 111.

The critics described his batting as technically perfect and that he showed a genius in his strategy.

He never was uncertain or fumbled in his stroke play, and his cover drives and strokes to leg were perfect. In partnership with Cohen he put on over 200 for the first wicket, which is a record for N.S.W.-Queensland matches.

Morris who is not yet twenty, is a clerk in the Sydney Town Hall and uses his left hand in writing.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played last night in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament:

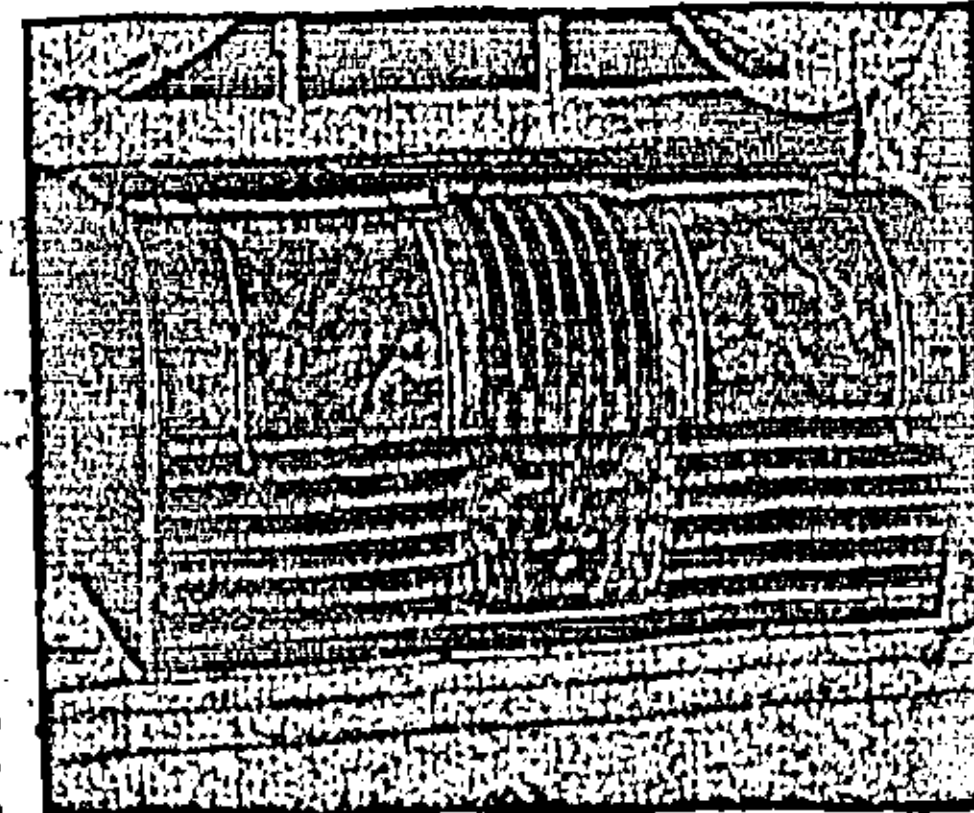
Navy	2	8th. R.A.	1
(Paul 2, Rutter 2, Halfyard and Hoare)		(Colthrop)	
Y.M.C.A.	7	Middlesex "B"	0
(Benn 2, May 2, Booker 2 and Maynard)			
Y.M.C.A.	6	R. Scots "B"	2
(R. Goldman 3, Maynard, Roberts and May)		(Banker and Glammer)	
Middlesex "A"	7	Combined Small Units	0
(Jennings 3, Dinnon 2 and Hymas 2)			
Signals	9	30th. R.A.	0
(Allen 5, Pitcher 2, Bennett and Hunt)			

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	13	13	0	0	72	8	20
Y.M.C.A.	14	12	2	0	70	16	24
Middlesex "A"	12	11	1	0	67	8	22
R. Navy "A"	12	9	3	0	52	18	18
R. Scots "A"	15	9	6	0	47	53	18
Combined Small Units	10	8	0	1	40	40	17
8th. Regt. R.A.	11	5	4	2	23	80	12
R. Navy "C"	13	5	8	0	32	41	12
Middlesex "B"	10	4	6	0	24	33	8
5th. A.A. Regt.	12	3	7	2	29	35	8
R.A.	10	2	8	1	12	40	8
R. Navy "B"	10	2	8	1	12	40	8
605th. Bty. R.A.	12	0	10	2	17	61	2
Royal Scots "B"	10	0	9	1	9	43	1
30th. Bty. R.A.	11	0	10	1	14	57	0

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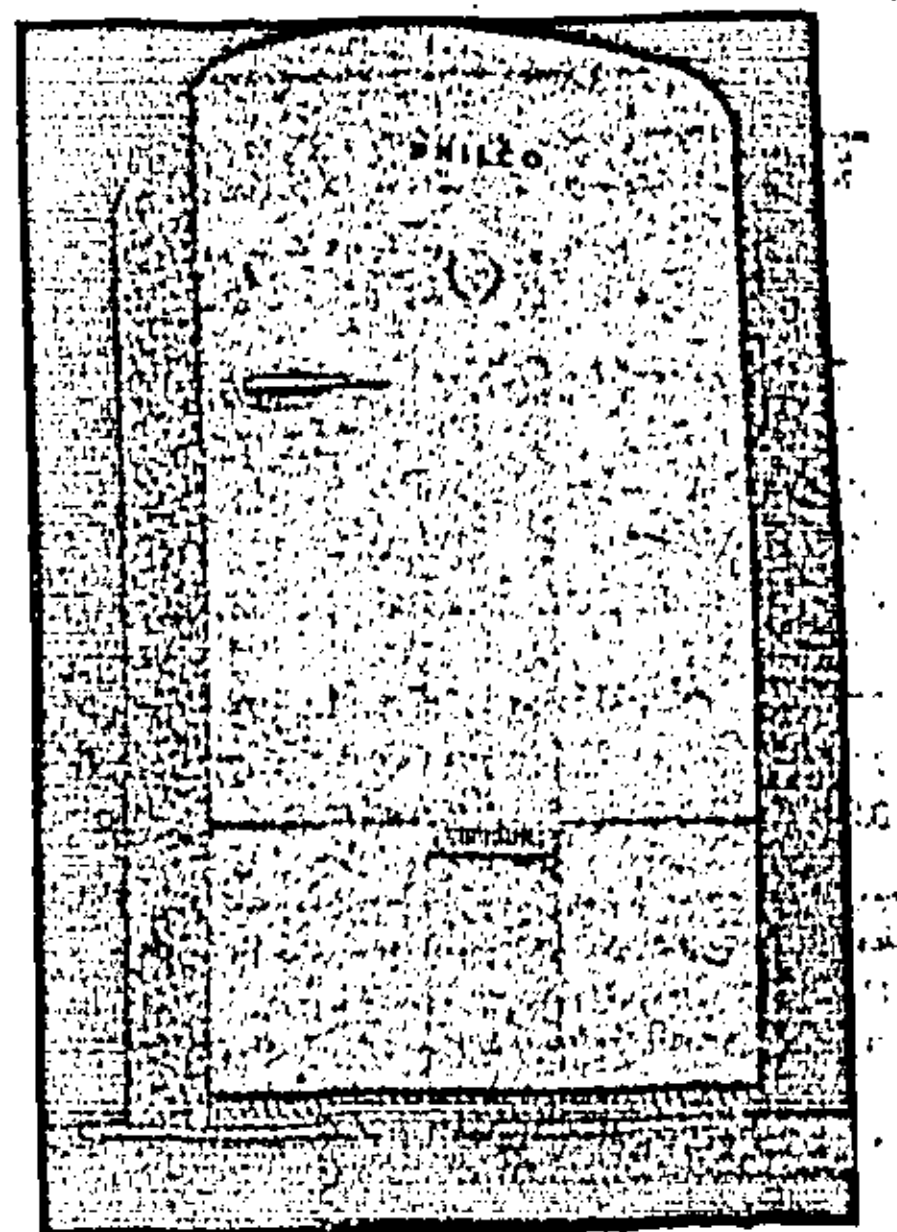
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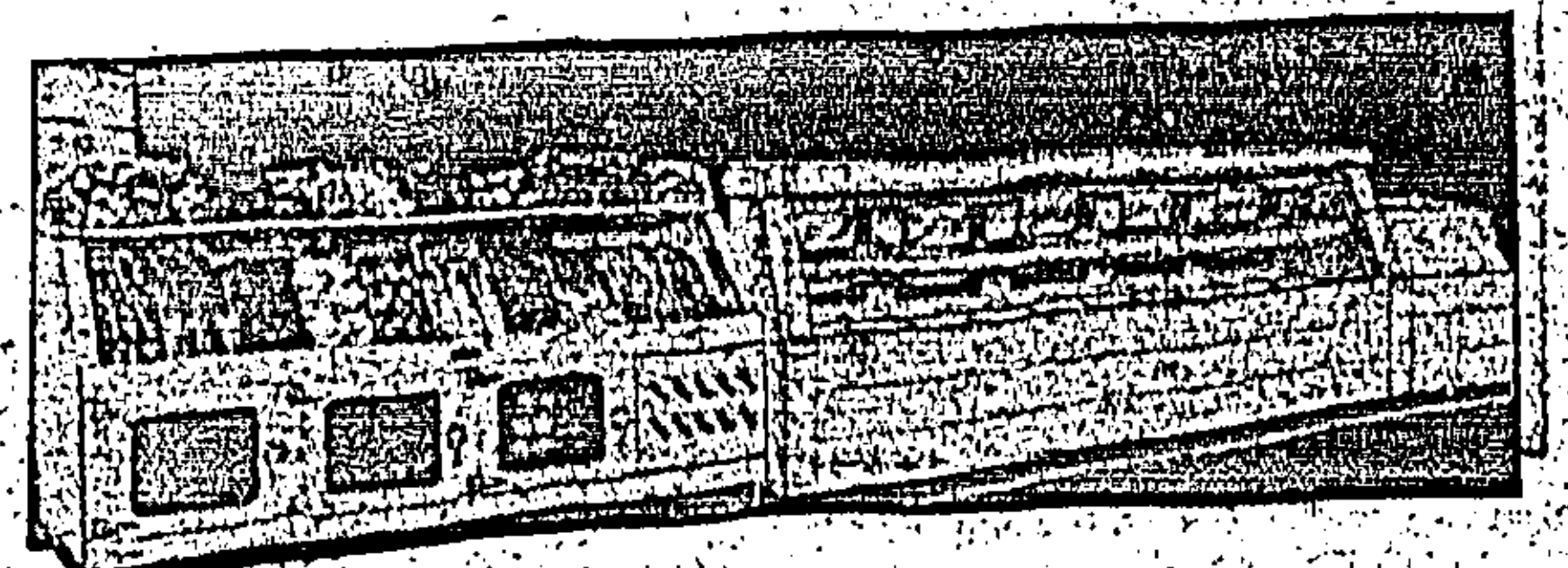
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BLITZ ATTACKS ON BREMEN AND HANOVER

Tons Of New Bombs Dropped On Both Areas

Petain's Overseas Week

Marshal Petain inaugurated "France Overseas" Week in a short broadcast relayed by Lyons Radio last night.

Referring to compatriots of the Empire, "whose loyalty and work have enabled the wounded motherland to undertake her recovery," and to the native populations who have "preserved their confidence in the great nation which has always loved and protected them," Marshal Petain insisted on the unity of the French Empire.

He said: "In spite of the cruel disappointments all have united round the flag to defend the unity of the Empire and the sacred ties that bind it to the mother country."

Marshal Petain made no specific reference to developments in Syria.—Reuter.

THREE AIR ALARMS AT MALTA

It is officially announced that three air raid alarms were sounded in Malta on Monday night when a number of enemy aircraft raided the island.

Bombs were dropped causing some civilian damage but no casualties. There were no Service casualties or damage.—Reuter.

Terrific Effects Of Explosions

INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN BREMEN AND HANOVER WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED BY R.A.F. BOMBERS ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many tons of high explosive and thousands of incendiaries were dropped on both cities.

Extensive fires were started and considerable damage done in the docks at Bremen and among industrial buildings in Hanover.

Several other targets in north-western Germany were also bombed.

A small force of aircraft attacked the docks at Rotterdam.

Five British aircraft are missing.

It is now known that during the operations on Sunday night an enemy fighter was shot down by one of the British bombers.

Immense Flashes

Pilots who dropped Britain's most powerful bombs during Monday night's attack on north-west Germany report they exploded with "immense flashes," states the Air Ministry news service.

AT HANOVER, THE DESTRUCTION AND BLAST CAUSED BY THESE SHATTERING WEAPONS MUST HAVE BEEN

SPREAD OVER A GREAT AREA.

Both at Hanover, and among the docks at Bremen, there were raging fires.

There was a vicious barrage through which the British bombers had to pass but, with shrapnel bursting round them and even when hit by fighting fragments, they kept a straight course over the target.—Reuter.

YELLOW BOOK VEIL LIFTED

Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, yesterday lifted the veil of secrecy which has hung over the yellow ration book issued in conjunction with the new edition of the ordinary ration book recently.

Hitherto the purpose of this yellow book had been unknown to the general public.

Lord Woolton told the House of Lords that America was going to provide Britain with a greater variety in diet but these new foodstuffs would have to be equally distributed.

"That," said Lord Woolton, "is partly the explanation for the yellow book."

Lord Woolton said there were fewer people suffering from malnutrition at the end of the second year of war than in the days of peace, and Britain could face the third year of war with "much confidence."—Reuter.

FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGING

(Continued from Page 1)

"In Novograd-Volinsk, our troops are counteracting the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastwards and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation. The oil fields at Ploesti, Sulina and Tulcea were bombed by Soviet aircraft.

"Fifty-two German planes were destroyed on July 14, Soviet losses were 24."—Reuter.

Ploesti Bombed

A Soviet High Command communique broadcast by Moscow radio states: "During the night of July 14, stubborn fighting continued in the north-western and western directions of the front."

"In other directions and sectors of the front no important fighting took place and no substantial changes occurred in the position of the troops."

"Our air force during the night of July 14, bombed mechanised units of the enemy and raided the refineries and oil fields of Ploesti (Rumania)."—Reuter.

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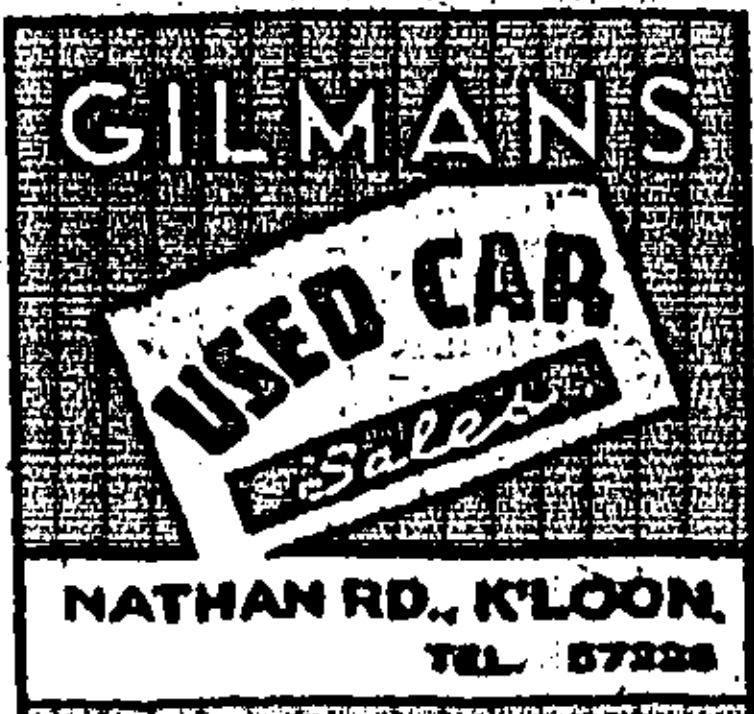
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FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGING Reassuring Moscow Communique

AXIS CHANGE OF PLAN

An appeal to Australian communists and left-wing supporters to give their wholehearted support to the Federal Government as Soviet workers are supporting theirs, was made by Mr. Hughes, the Navy Minister in a Sydney broadcast last night.

The Empire, he said, was taking full advantage of the Heaven-sent opportunity to smite Germany.

A month ago, the mighty Nazi war machine was poised to attack Suez and the Axis partner might simultaneously have attacked Singapore.

All had been arranged, he declared, adding that the scene had now changed.

Mr. Hughes castigated that small section of "the very nicest people" who suspected and distrusted the British-Soviet Pact.

"They would rather Nazism won than that the Soviet should help to save us from Nazi domination. God save us from such narrow-minded and treacherous counsels. I welcome the alliance with this great Power with unbounded satisfaction."—Reuter.

TOBRUK SORTIES

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in the Middle East yesterday stated that offensive patrols from the British forces on Tobruk have been active.

In a recent hand-to-hand encounter the British captured prisoners and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, who were surprised in their positions.

So successful was one of these raids that it was incorrectly described in an enemy communique as a serious attempt to break out of Tobruk. Abyssinia—no change.

Syria—action is now in progress to give effect to the terms of the convention signed on Monday.—Reuter.

SOVIET RAID ON BUCHAREST

AN AIR RAID ON BUCHAREST ON MONDAY WAS ANNOUNCED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN THE HUMANIAN CAPITAL. STATES A DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The communique reads: "Enemy aircraft dropped a large

Successes In North And South: Panzers Cut Off

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOURTH DAY OF THE TREMENDOUS BATTLE RAGING ON THREE SECTORS OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT BRINGS A REASSURING MOSCOW HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE, WHICH GIVES A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

According to this communique, the German thrust towards Leningrad in the Psko sector has not merely been brought to a halt, but the main enemy forces are being hurled back.

In the Vitëbsk region, the issue still hangs in the balance with both sides throwing in all available resources and suffering severe losses.

Trend of the operations is indicated in the reference to fighting in the Novograd-Volinsk sector. The Russian High Command says that the Red Army is checking the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastward and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation.

The inference which may fairly be drawn is that the grandiose German claims to sensational advances have been based upon the progress of panzer units which probably have broken

through at several points on the long front, but which have not been able to obtain the substantial backing of the motorised infantry, following up closely behind, which is the technique of the blitz.

On the northern front, for instance, the Soviet High Command claims complete victory over the German infantry divisions, and that behind its own lines, German panzer units are being systematically destroyed.

Mogilev Claim

The Germans, meanwhile, claim a further success on the central sector, announcing the capture of the "key" Russian fortress city of Mogilev, southwest of Smolensk. It is claimed that Mogilev is deep inside the Stalin Line and it is asserted that the success "will pave the way for opening a wide corridor to Moscow."

Smolensk itself, says Berlin, is under constant air raid and artillery bombardment. In a radio broadcast last night, Berlin declared that "the dissolution of some Russian divisions seems complete. A fort in the Opatovka sector (east of Ostrav) has been blown up. — International News Service.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique says fighting continued in the Vitëbsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions.

"In Pskov our troops surrounded enemy motorised troops, destroying them section by section.

"THE MAIN ENEMY FORCES ARE BEING HURLED BACK TO THE WEST.

"In Vitëbsk there was fierce fighting all day against mechanised units trying to penetrate to the east. Fighting continues with heavy losses on both sides.

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AIRMEN BLOT THE BLITZ

The Russian air force, according to a Moscow report, has taken the "blitz" out of the "blitzkrieg."

IT HAS FORCED A NEW "GO SLOW" POLICY ON THE NAZI PANZER DIVISIONS WHICH, INSTEAD OF CRASHING ON FAR AHEAD AND ALONE REGARDLESS OF WHAT OPPOSITION THEY LEAVE BEHIND, ARE NOW BEING PROTECTED AGAINST THE HEAVY CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE RUSSIAN AIR ATTACKS.

They are being escorted by slow anti-aircraft units which reduce their pace by more than half, and complicate transport and supply, and they are also constantly protected by swarms of Messerschmitt fighters. — Reuter.

troops to destroy a Hungarian railway line was frustrated by the "vigilance and energetic action of Hungarian troops."

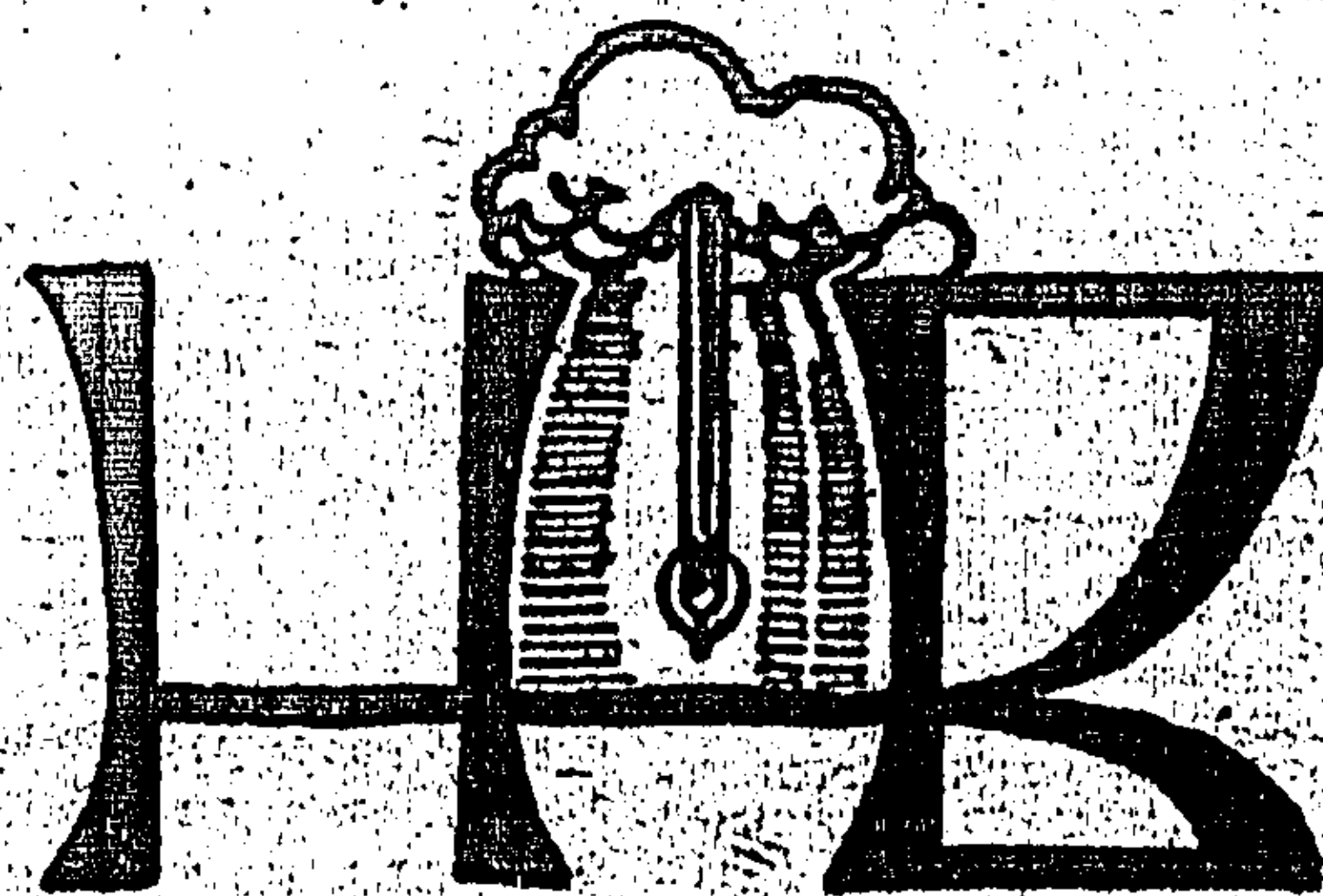
Hungarian forces on the Soviet front were stated to be advancing into Podolia, in western Ukraine, despite the lack of roads and the difficulties of the terrain.—Reuter.

SOVIET PARACHUTE OPERATIONS

Soviet parachute troops have been dropped in Hungary in order to destroy railways, states a Budapest despatch to the official Italian news agency.

The despatch claimed that an attempt by Soviet parachute

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DIFFERENT CHINA AFTER THE WAR

SHIPPING STAYING POWER

The details of shipping losses issued by the Admiralty allow the assumption that Hitler cannot but be disappointed with the results so far of his maximum effort against shipping this year.

The total, which is the lowest since January, is 79 ships of 329,296 tons — British 52 ships of 228,284 tons, Allied 19 ships of 82,727 tons and neutral eight ships of 18,284 tons.

The number of British ships sunk is the lowest for any month since June, 1940, except last January.

Corrections to the previous figures increase the total by 86,000 tons, making the total for the war — British, Allied and neutral — 1,738 ships, 7,118,122 tons.

British staying power should give encouragement — not only the wonderful staying power of merchant seamen but the constant increase in escorting vessels which return to service and also of damaged tonnage and some improvement in the turn round of ships.

The increasing enemy shipping losses are due to the fact he must use sea transport for coastal traffic thus providing more targets for the Navy and R.A.F.

The more the R.A.F. interrupts railway communications by bombing the more he must resort to the sea.

The enemy's losses of ships on passage between Libya, Italy and elsewhere in the Mediterranean have been heavy and he must be beginning to feel anxious about the shipping position in this theatre of war.

Fantastic Claims

The Admiralty stated it is not proposed to continue to publish shipping losses at regular intervals because valuable information is thus given the enemy. From time to time the Admiralty will, however, consider the publication of shipping losses as required.

It is pointed out authoritatively in explanation of this decision that the enemy has gone further and further afield in the effort to find new hunting grounds for ships and continues to make just as fantastic claims as ever in hopes of finding out what really happened, as the reports of U-boats and airmen necessarily are inconclusive.

Hitherto the regular publication of figures had given him a monthly check and it is not intended to do this in future. — British Wireless.

GERMAN REICH 'INDICTED'

THE GERMAN REICH WAS YESTERDAY NAMED AS CO-CONSPIRATOR IN AN INDICTMENT AGAINST 33 PERSONS ARRESTED IN JUNE IN THE BIGGEST SINGLE ROUND-UP OF SPY SUSPECTS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT IN 1917.

The indictment says: "Defendants conspired with each other and the Government of the German Reich and others."

Defendants have been ordered to stand their trial in September. — Reuter.

Justified Claim To Equality

"WHAT SORT OF A CHINA are we to expect at the end of the war?" asked Brig.-Gen. C. R. Woodroffe, Chairman of the China Association, at the annual meeting in London yesterday.

"We all assume ours to be the winning side and few would deny that our side includes China. Hence China after the war will be a victorious China which will be able justifiably to claim she helped us as much as, if not more, than we helped her.

"Is it conceivable that such a China would either be offered or would accept any status other than of equality?"

Alluding to the many signs that Japan intended soon to make a fresh move, probably southward, Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed the opinion she would have made it earlier but for prolonged resistance by China.

If she did so Britain and China would become more than collaborators in the fight against aggression, they would be ranged together against the common enemy.

Changes

The British Government in bygone times, he said, appeared to take little account of Chinese feelings, but he drew attention to the statements in the Commons by Mr. Churchill on June 18, 1940, and by Mr. Eden on June 11 this year, pledging revision of the Chinese treaties on a basis of reciprocity and equality.

Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed confidence that British interests thereby affected would be kept in view but considered it not too early for those interests to prepare for changes which must occur. — Reuter.

RABAT PLOT ALLEGED

A Free French plot has been discovered at Rabat, the German radio announced yesterday quoting a message from Tangier.

More than 20, including an official of the French Chamber of Commerce at Tangier, have been arrested, it was stated.

The police discovered a large amount of propaganda material which will form part of the evidence against those arrested. They will be charged in court with having conspired at the desertion of Frenchmen to join General de Gaulle's army and with having made arrangements for obtaining recruits for a foreign army. — Reuter.

CALL TO IRAQI YOUTH

A CALL TO THE YOUTH OF IRAQ AND THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD TO UNITE, WAS MADE BY EMIR ABDUL ILLAH, REGENT OF IRAQ, BROADCASTING YESTERDAY.

The Iraqi Government, he said, was vigilantly watching over the independence and interests of the country, and the efforts of foreign powers to attain their wicked aims had been completely frustrated. — Reuter.

ECONOMIC POOLING IN N. AMERICA

A group of Canadian and American officials and economists is to begin pooling ideas to-day regarding the joint economic programme for the U.S. and Canada suggested in the "Hyde Park declaration" of Mr. MacKenzie King, Canadian Premier, and President Roosevelt.

The Canadian section of the joint economic committee arrived in New York yesterday to open a two-day initial session with the American branch.

The joint committee, the spokesman of the Canadians explained, had been created primarily to study, firstly ways in which defence efforts can be more effective through cooperation and interchange of materials and, secondly, a long-range programme that might tend to forestall, or at least lighten, Canadian-American post-war maladjustments. — Reuter.

Petain's Overseas Week

Marshal Petain inaugurated "France Overseas" Week in a short broadcast relayed by Lyons Radio last night.

Referring to compatriots of the Empire, "whose loyalty and work have enabled the wounded motherland to undertake her recovery," and to the native populations who have "preserved their confidence in the great nation which has always loved and protected them," Marshal Petain insisted on the unity of the French Empire.

He said: "In spite of the cruel disappointments all have united round the flag to defend the unity of the Empire and the sacred ties that bind it to the mother country."

Marshal Petain made no specific reference to developments in Syria. — Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST AIR ACTIVITY

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. in the Middle East yesterday carried out an attack on the aerodrome at Zuara in Tripolitania, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Bombs were seen to hit the aerodrome buildings and a number of enemy transport aircraft on the ground were damaged by machine-gun fire.

One Junkers 52 was set on fire. During the night of July 13-14, heavy bombers raided Bardia and Benghazi, causing a number of explosions and fires.

A Junkers 88 and a Savoia 79 were shot down by our aircraft in the Western Desert during recent operations.

In Syria, our fighters attacked and severely damaged a Savoia 79 which approached the Syrian coast yesterday. The enemy aircraft was seen out at sea, emitting clouds of black smoke and appeared unlikely to reach its base.

All our aircraft returned safely from these operations. — Reuter.

NEW VERSION OF HITLER-GOERING CONFLICT

NEW LIGHT UPON the reported Hitler-Goering rift over the invasion of the Soviet Union is thrown by a Buenos Aires mailed despatch to the New York "Daily News," which, according to that newspaper, was posted some four days before the Soviet radio broadcast the report.

Goering is confined to his home and many generals have been moved because they share his opposition to the Nazi attack on the U.S.S.R., states the despatch.

The report, it added, comes from sources in close touch with three representatives of German heavy industries who recently arrived in Buenos Aires.

These men, one of whom is representing Goering's Steel Trust, are reported to be emissaries of the Reichswehr generals who, it is stated, are aligning themselves with heavy industry in the same fashion as Hitler did late in 1920.

They are reported to have said that when Hitler told his generals that he had decided to attack the Soviet Union, he was shocked on learning that his General Staff was unanimously opposed to such a venture.

Goering adds the despatch, made a counter-proposal that demands should be made in Moscow for the delivery to Germany of the economic direction of the Ukraine and the Caucasus, while General Reichenau is said to have expressed the opinion that such a campaign would become a war of attrition in which Germany and the Soviet would eventually be exhausted.

Hitler's Rage

Hitler flew into a rage, according to the German representatives quoted in the despatch, and General

MESSINA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

The Italian port of Messina was raided on Monday night, according to a Rome communique.

R.A.F. raids on Benghazi, Derna, Bardia and the Gondar area of Abyssinia are also admitted.

The communique claims British attacks at Sollum and Tobruk were repulsed. — Reuter.

U.S. MISSION IN GIB.

THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN GENERAL LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GIBRALTAR, AND A U.S. GOVERNMENT MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The mission has now proceeded onwards to England after a three-days stay.

The mission flew to the Middle East and remained there five weeks.

It was headed by Mr. W. G. Harriman and other members, Brigadier-General R. Boyce, of the U.S. army air force, and Col. A. Green, a tank expert. — Reuter.

Generals Brauchitsch and Keitel came to his defence while Generals List, Stuehnagel and Falkenhorst opposed.

As a result, the despatch adds, Hitler is proceeding cautiously with a bloodless purge.

HE HAS CONFINED GOERING TO HIS HOME WITH A CHOICE OF OPENLY AFFIRMING HIS LOYALTY TO THE FUHRER IN A BROADCAST TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE OR BEING SENT TO A SANATORIUM.

In addition, the despatch says, the generals opposing the invasion of the Soviet Union have been shifted so that they will take little part in the campaign. — Reuter.

SUICIDE FROM TSUN WAN FERRY

Travelling on a ferry launch from Tsun Wan to Hong Kong yesterday, a 30-year-old Chinese passenger jumped off the vessel and was drowned. The incident occurred off Tsing I Island at 9 p.m. The boat was stopped and a search was made but the body could not be found.

NAZI ANTI-AMERICAN TACTICS

Naval Action Order Attributed To Roosevelt

Attempt To Stir Up Isolationists

THE QUESTION of whether the United States is going formally into the war now on the side of Britain and Russia, has suddenly become the centre of interest in Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung."

A sensation has been caused, he says, by the prominent publication there of a report from a pro-Axis Swedish paper suggesting that President Roosevelt intends to push his hostility to Germany to extremes and has therefore ordered the American fleet to fire without warning on Axis ships.

Authoritative sources in Berlin declared, continues the correspondent, that "after careful examination of the circumstances, the report can be regarded as perfectly accurate and authentic."

The German newspapers at the same time publish attacks on the President for, as they allege, "preparing to stab Europe in the back" during its struggle against the Bolsheviks.

Political observers suggest that this latest propaganda outburst has been launched.

Firstly, in order to stir up the American isolationists.

Secondly, in order to inspire Japan, and.

Thirdly, in order to inspire the German public to fresh exertions in the face of American "intervention."

ORGANISING THE WAR INDUSTRY

The satisfactory results of the concentration of industry were mentioned by the President of the Board of Trade in a Commons reply.

Sir Andrew Duncan said one result of the invitation last March to conclude an agreement for concentrations was that nearly 110,000 workers had been released or were being made available for release under arrangements in hand in industries concerned.

About 85 million square feet of factory space had been placed at the disposal of the Controller-General of factory and storage premises.

The period allowed for the submission of voluntary schemes had now come to an end.

In a number of lesser industries the result aimed at had been substantially achieved and gratifying progress had been made in large sections of the more important industries affected by the limitation of supplies or rationing of raw materials.

The Board of Trade, in conjunction with the interested department, was now hastening completion of these measures by themselves nominating nucleus firms.

DR. KU MENG YU'S NEW POST

One of the highest posts in educational circles was given Dr. Ku Meng-yu, veteran statesman and scholar, when he was appointed yesterday by the Executive Yuan as Chancellor of the National Central University, succeeding Dr. Lo Chia-luen.

PRACTICAL JOKE?

WHILE MOTORING IN TSUN WAN ON MONDAY NIGHT, MR. ALFRED MORRIS, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE AND BRIGADE, FELT A SUDDEN JERK AS IF THE CAR HAD STRUCK AN OBJECT.

Bringing the car to a halt, he observed somebody moving in the dark. He later reported the incident to the Tsun Wan Police, who found a length of wire across the road, one end attached to a tree.

The police do not believe that it was an attempt to stop the vehicle since the wire was not strong enough for such a purpose.

One theory is that someone was apparently preparing a practical joke on a friend travelling on a cycle.

HARBOUR MYSTERY

The bodies of two middle-aged Chinese women, tied together with cord by the left and right wrists, were found floating in the harbour near Mongkok yesterday. They were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. The theory is that they were victims of a suicide pact.

PORTUGAL REINFORCING THE AZORES

More and more Portuguese troops are being sent at intervals to the Azores to reinforce the garrison there.

Before a contingent embarked in Lisbon yesterday morning it was drawn up in the largest square in the city, where new colours were presented to one infantry battalion recently mentioned in general orders.

—Reuter.

WARNING BY GENERAL MARSHALL

Testimony on Iceland by General George Marshall, Chief of the U.S. Army Staff, before the Senate Military Committee, on July 9 was revealed in Washington yesterday.

Supporting the legislation permitting the retention of selectees and National Guardsmen for more than a year, General Marshall said that specially trained Army units, instead of Marines, should have occupied Iceland but were prevented because of the difficulties of the single year service rule.

General Marshall testified that "unless the one year limit is removed, our present trained forces will largely melt away."

HE DENIED HE PLANNED AN "EXPEDITIONARY FORCE" AND CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION OF THE NATION'S EMERGENCY, ADDING:

"I personally believe it urgently necessary in the public interest for the committee to declare the existence of the nation's emergency."

—Reuter.

PETROL MONOPOLY

The Australian Government has decided to take full control, under the National Security Act, of the importation, storage and distribution of petrol, supplanting the petrol cartel.

The Premier, Mr. Menzies, in a statement yesterday, said Government was asking the British and American authorities for more tankers and it would not abate its efforts until stocks were assured.

The recent decrease in the motorist's ration was helping to build up stocks but Government was not satisfied merely to impose more sacrifices on the people.

—Reuter.

COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HSU MO AS CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA IS REGARDED IN CHINESE CIRCLES IN LONDON AS A SPECIAL COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA.

Passing early into the Chinese diplomatic service, Mr. Hsu Mo is regarded as one of the ablest men in the service. As he really is of ambassadorial rank, it is evident that in sending him in an administrative post, China wished to show she was sending a man of the highest standing to Australia.

U.S. DEAL WITH MEXICO

As part of its programme to build up vital defence supplies, the United States has guaranteed to buy from Mexico all its exportable surplus of strategic materials which are not sold to private industries in the Western Hemisphere during the next eighteen months.

This has been announced by Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator.

The Mexican Government has decreed that these commodities may be exported only to points within the Hemisphere.

PRESIDENT SUPPORTING ARMY'S DEMAND

A FORMAL WARNING that President Roosevelt favoured retention in the Army of National Guardsmen, Reserve Officers and draftees beyond the 12 months' period originally prescribed, was given Congress in Washington yesterday by the Under-Secretary of War, Mr. Patterson.

He said the President also desired the removal of the 900,000 limit on the number of draftees who came in service at any one time.

In a letter to the Speaker, Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Patterson said that legislation to accomplish these objects had President Roosevelt's approval.

"The sequence of German conquests which continued without interruption from Austria to Russia have been based on the anticipated failure of the countries concerned to be properly prepared against invasion," Mr. Patterson wrote.

"In each case they launched an overwhelming force against an unprepared army. We cannot speculate with the security of this nation."

In view of known events of the past year, particularly of the last few months, Mr. Patterson added, demobilisation of the army now would be to "court disaster."

Army At Stake

President Roosevelt declared at his press conference yesterday that the "disintegration of the Army was at stake" and Congress would not be breaking faith if it let the Army keep selectees and National Guardsmen in service over a year.

He said the original Selective Service Act contained a proviso that draftees were retainable for service through the declaration of a national emergency by Congress or by amendment of the law.

Men came in for a year subject to that provision and therefore it would not be breaking faith for Congress to enact legislation extending service.

President Roosevelt told reporters he thought it was a simple

choice whether the Army should be disintegrated or not. The decision, he added, was up to Congress.

—Reuter.

NAZI PEACE "WAR"

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, PRAISED AND CORROBORATED MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S STATEMENTS THAT HITLER AGENTS WERE SEEKING TO PROMOTE PEACE PROPOSALS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Welles said reports of the proposals had been reaching him occasionally but he emphasised they were not official proposals to the United States Government.

Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, told his press conference yesterday: "There is no Hitler peace proposal officially before this Government."

—Reuter.

THREE AIR ALARMS AT MALTA

It is officially announced that three air raid alarms were sounded in Malta on Monday night when a number of enemy aircraft raided the island.

Bombs were dropped causing some civilian damage but no casualties. There were no Service casualties or damage.

—Reuter.

INDIA'S GROWING OUTPUT

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT HAS NEVER BEEN CONFINED TO THE NEEDS OF THE TROOPS ON HER SOIL, AND FOR MANY MONTHS THE PRODUCTS OF INDIA'S INDUSTRY HAVE GONE IN AN INCREASING STREAM TO OVERSEAS FORCES OF THE EMPIRE.

This point was made by Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan, Minister of Supply, in a broadcast from Simla yesterday.

Referring to munitions production he said India was indebted to the steel industry for the supply of armour plate which would progressively keep pace with the demands of its armoured fighting vehicles and would increase its total output by 33-1/3 per cent. very shortly.

India was now making five times as many guns as in peace time and intended to multiply the present production figure by eight.

An aircraft factory had been established which, if all went well, would grow into an aircraft industry, and shipyards were building large numbers of small craft from minesweepers to lifeboats.

—Reuter.

PREMIER MEETS U.S. NURSES

"Thank God you are safe and thanks for the generous impulses which brought you all over here," the Prime Minister declared when at 10 Downing Street he received 15 American Red Cross nurses among whom were 11 survivors of the torpedoed ship Maasdam.

Mr. Churchill was accompanied by Mr. Winant, U.S. Ambassador.

The party of nurses was headed by Dr. John E. Gordon, Director of the Harvard Red Cross field unit, a full American hospital which will shortly be completed in the south-west of England.

—British Wireless.

NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN YESTERDAY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué states: "Early yesterday afternoon a single enemy aircraft flew over South Wales and West England but apart from this there is nothing to report."

Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.

—British Wireless.

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TWENTY-TWO SYRIA CONVENTION CLAUSES

UNDER THE TERMS of the Syrian armistice, published in Vichy at noon yesterday, French troops and French nationals will be repatriated in French ships.

There are 22 points in the agreement, as follow:—

1. Hostilities ended on July 11 at 9.01 p.m. (G.M.T.) and the Allied forces will occupy the territories of Syria and Lebanon.
2. The French forces will be concentrated in certain zones to be fixed by the commission before noon to-day at which hour the Allied forces will start to occupy certain strategic points.

Until their repatriation the French troops will remain in their positions with reduced officers and strength and under French command.

3. The occupation of the principal localities will be carried out so as to permit the immediate replacement of the French troops by the forces of occupation.

4. Minefields at sea and on land will be notified to the occupation authorities.

5. The honours of war are to be rendered to the French forces which will be withdrawn with their transport, including guns, machine-guns, tanks and munitions.

Release Of Prisoners

6. French officers, N.C.O.'s and soldiers are authorised to keep their individual arms. Soldiers will not keep any ammunition.

All other war materials will be stocked under the control of the British authorities who will have the right to earmark material which it is considered necessary to destroy. This will be done by the French under the supervision of the British authorities.

7. Prisoners belonging to the Allied forces will be released immediately. French prisoners will be released when the whole Syrian and Lebanon territories have been occupied and the armistice terms fulfilled.

8. The choice whether to join the Allied cause or be repatriated will be left to each individual.

9. Certain officials and special service officers will remain at their posts to ensure continuity in administration until they can be replaced.

Monetary Possessions

10. The British authorities agree to the repatriation of French troops and nationals by French sea transports.

11. The monetary possessions of repatriated French will be transferred under authorities to be established.

12. French labour rights will be respected.

13. The managements of public services will be handed over intact.

Points 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 provide that means of communications, harbour installations, aircraft and air installations, stocks of petrol, money and other means of payment in circulation or in reserve in banks, shall not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Levant Troops

19. The British military authorities reserve the right to take into their service special Levant troops as and when they are discharged by the French authorities.

20. The British authorities shall take no action against Syrian and Lebanese who took part in a military or administrative capacity in the recent hostilities.

21. Execution of the present agreement will be supervised by a commission of control which will have its seat at Beirut and will be composed of five members, three appointed by the British and two by the French.

22. The present agreement will be drawn up in English and French and in case of disagreement, the English text shall be binding.—Reuter.

MODERATE DEMANDS ON VICHY

The Syrian armistice, it is generally felt in Jerusalem, is an extremely moderate one which goes no further than necessary to achieve the objects with which the Allies started the campaign.

These were to put an end to German infiltration and the use of Syrian air bases by German aircraft and ensure that Syria should resume the place she held prior to the collapse of France as a strategic bulwark of the Allies in the eastern Mediterranean.

Satisfaction is expressed in Jerusalem that the full honours of war have been accorded to the French in view of the courageous and skilful fight they made—however misguided, from the Allied viewpoint, their action may have been.

It is noted that the terms of the armistice permit soldiers and civilians to choose between rallying to the Allied cause or being repatriated.

The hope is expressed that many will choose the former now that they are free from Nazi influence and propaganda, which reached such a pitch that some of the captured Vichy troops stated they were under the impression they were fighting the Italians.—Reuter.

Bombing of H.B.M. Embassy

The bombing of a British Embassy—an apology from the perpetrators and another bombing—were disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, answering a question in the Commons yesterday.

The Embassy was at Chungking. It was bombed three times during June and a number of people injured.

In response to representations the Japanese Minister of Marine on July 1 expressed regret and declared the attack was unintentional.

On July 8 another serious attack occurred when the destruction of the Embassy was completed, although without casualties.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo accordingly presented a vigorous Note of protest supported by further oral representations.

The Japanese Vice-Minister expressed great regret and promised to make investigations.—Reuter.

FREE FRENCH TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION

In addition to the terms signed between General Wilson and General de Verdillac, a second document was published in Cairo yesterday containing terms offered by the British and General de Gaulle to General Dentz through the U.S. consul-general in Beirut.

This contained the principle on which the terms were accepted by General Dentz but originally he made one reservation, namely that he would only negotiate with the British authorities.

He was informed by the British Commander-in-Chief that they could not accept such conditions and therefore hostilities would continue unless the representatives presented themselves without such conditions.

They did present themselves next morning and General Catroux, on behalf of General de Gaulle, took part in the negotiations and the final terms as signed have his full approval.—Reuter.

STRIKE TROUBLES OVER

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE STRIKE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT IS TROUBLING THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE WHICH IS INVESTIGATING MIGRATORY LABOUR WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY MR. SIDNEY HILLMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.

He said that American production was greater than that of the totalitarian States.

"The weakness of the totalitarian system is the loss of workers' cooperation," he declared, adding that there are now 2,700,000 persons employed in defence industries, compared with 400,000 a year ago.

He estimated that the figure would be 5,700,000 a year hence.—Reuter.

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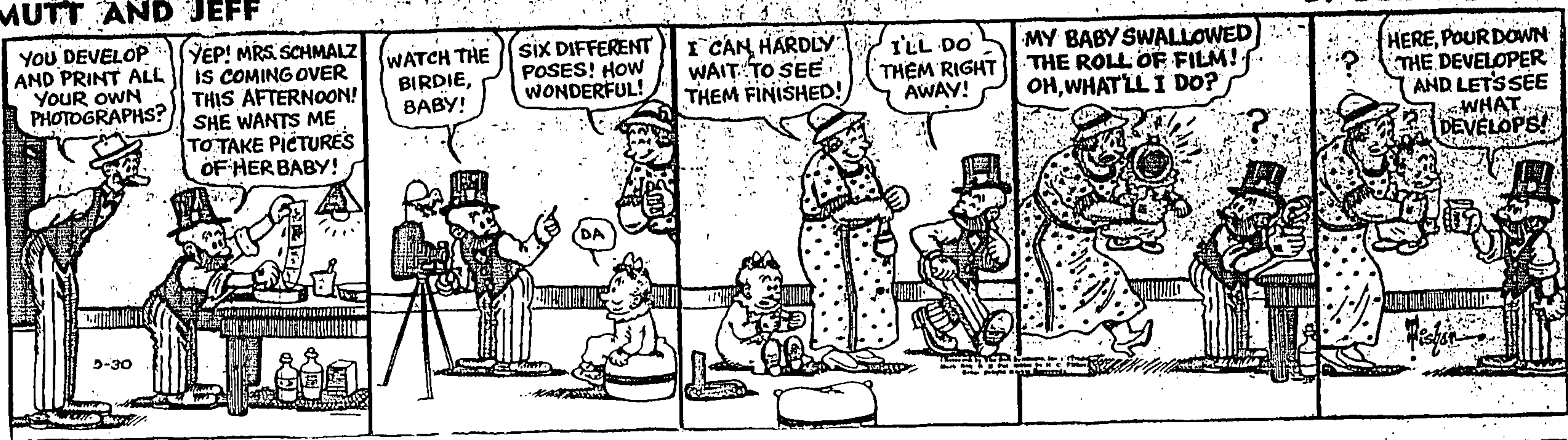
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DANCES TEACH DOCK BOYS TO BE 'GENTS'

"MAY I HAVE the pleasure . . . ?" The band struck up a tango and a little dockland boy bowed to a little dockland girl.

Young Ernie — they used to call him "The Tough" down his way, but now he's "the perfect little gent"—was one of 250 children evacuated from East Ham to a Surrey school camp, taking his partner for the next dance, writes a correspondent.

Ballroom dancing has been introduced to these kiddies, aged 9 to 15½, by their headmaster, Mr. William Skipsey. He is known to the children as Skip.

"It is teaching the boys not to be rough with the girls and rationalises the children's attitude towards sex," he told me as we watched the young couples.

If they don't like dances they don't have to come. One or two of the little boys are having a game of billiards instead.

"This dance is an important affair to them," he said. Canadian soldiers had come with their band for the evening.

"So the girls have been busy preparing their dresses and pressing the boys' trousers for them. All the children are most particular in their person."

"Ballroom dancing has solved many problems. The children are no longer shy, and it has taught the boys to be gallant."

MYSTERY OF MAN'S LEG IN A BROOK

Police in England are anxious to obtain information that may solve the mystery of the discovery of the left leg of a man in a brook at Shute, East Devon.

The man had been well-developed over 25, and about 5ft. 4in. in height.

On the leg was a blue-ribbed sock and the boot was size six or six and a half, with a rubber heel.

CHANNEL FLYER HONOURED

The first Free French airman to be decorated by the King was presented with the British Empire Medal recently for escaping from Occupied France in a plane he secretly assembled in a wood.

He landed safely in England, having risked being shot down by paralling German fighters, by Hurricanes and Spitfires or by anti-aircraft fire.

The medal was presented by Air-Marshal L. A. Pattinson, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Flying Training Command, to Corporal Maurice Halna Du Frey, who is aged 20.

His single-engine plane was assembled near a small village. During the day he camouflaged it with branches and leaves. When night fell he worked by the light of a torch to complete it.

He had to wait for a tail wind to help him across the Channel, as the limited amount of petrol he was able to obtain was barely sufficient. With only a few personal effects he took off, landing an hour and a half later.

Air-Marshal Pattinson said Du Frey gave a fine example of those qualities of enterprise and determination which bind together the Allies in their struggle.

Du Frey is now under training as a pilot at an R.A.F. flying training school.

'PLANE HAD NO "PROPS"

Fighting off the attacks of five Messerschmitt fighters over Holland, an R.A.F. bomber set course for home with oil pouring from the port engine.

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But the pilot brought his machine down to a safe landing in a field.

He had attacked oil storage tanks near Rotterdam in daylight.

A shell burst through the nose of the aircraft, and then the five Messerschmitt 109s, attacked.

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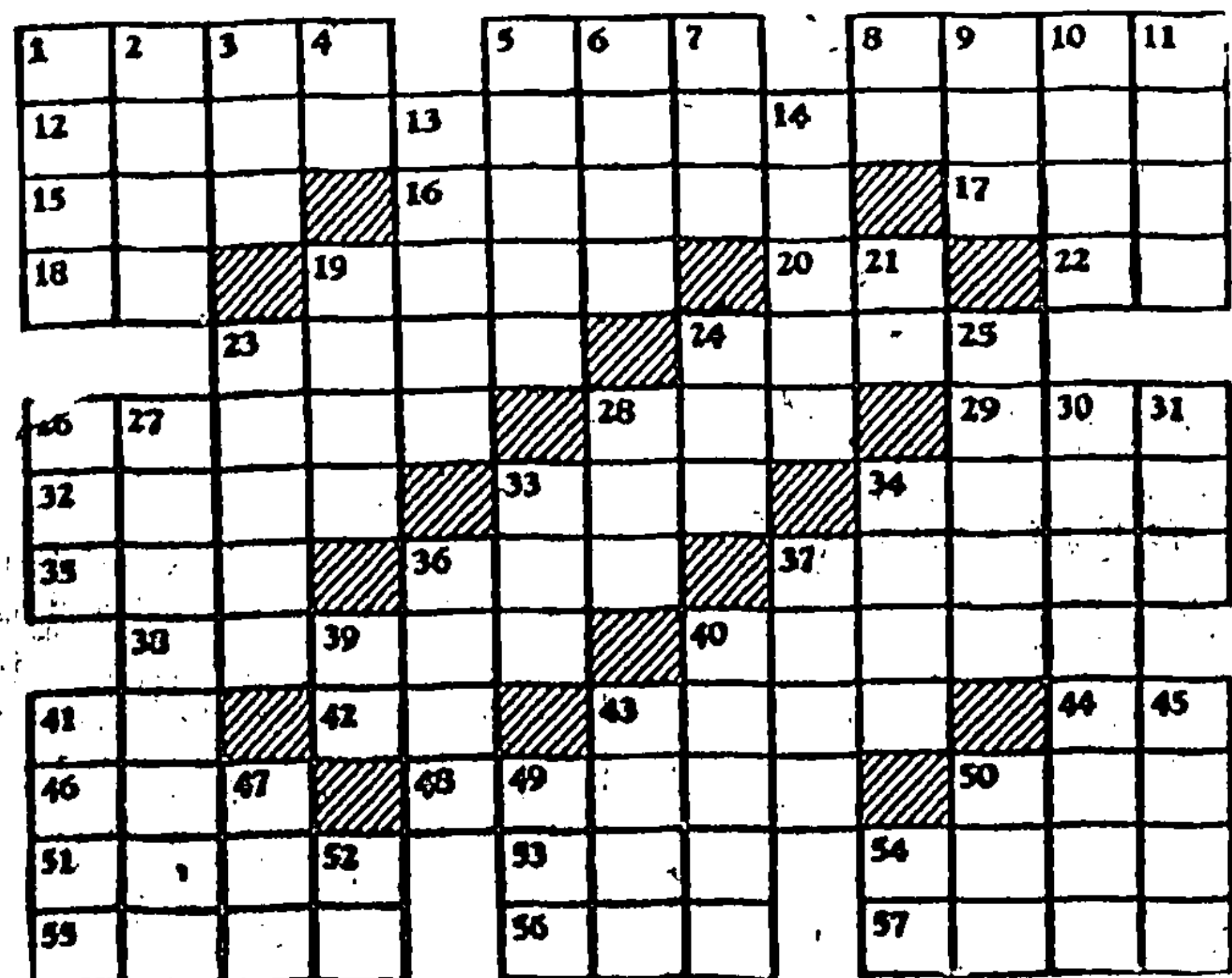
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 - Mature
 - Hebrew letter
 - Proton
 - Vessel
 - To ascend
 - What for?
 - Value
 - To lease
 - Tunisian ruler
 - Branches of learning
 - Conjunction
 - Head organ
 - Sharp-eyed person
 - Strikingly odd
 - Ridge of glacial gravel
 - Four

- VERTICAL**
- Pain
 - To wander
 - Conclusion
 - While
 - Cups
 - Evil giant
 - Passenger vehicle
 - Upon
 - Cavity
 - On top of
 - Musical instrument
 - Burning
 - Requiring scratching
 - Remainder
 - Greek letter
 - Native of India
 - Barbaric
 - To purify
 - Constellation
 - To make as good as new
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 - Worm
 - To colour
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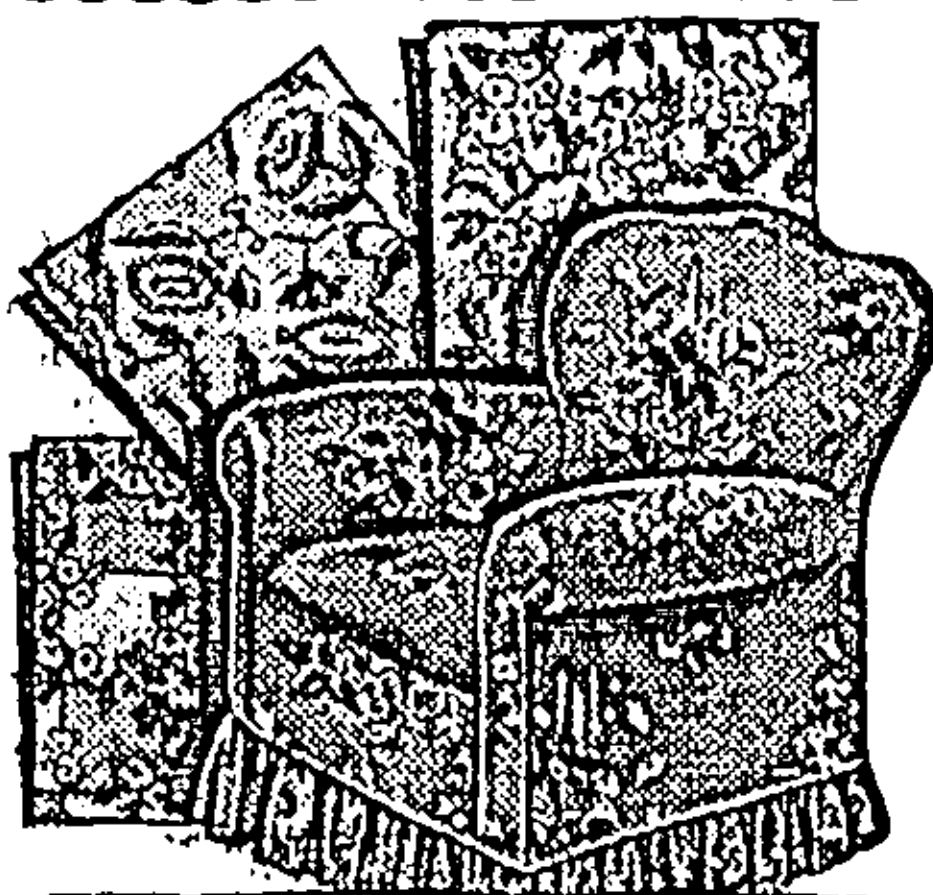
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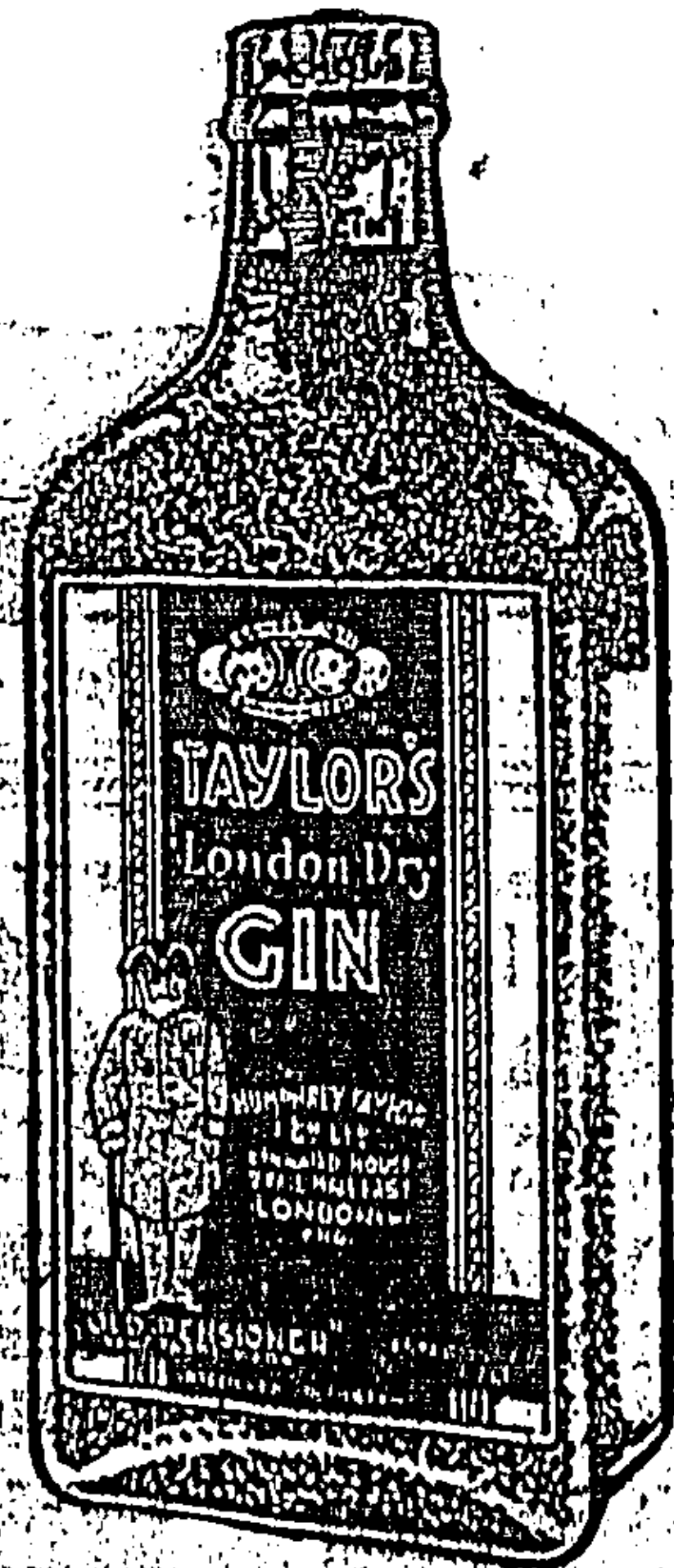
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Public Schoolboys In Blazing Train

FIVE BOYS—possibly six—of Ampleforth College, York, were killed and seven others injured when a coach of a train in which they were travelling the other day caught fire for some reason not yet explained.

Some of the boys jumped from the train and others were trapped in the coach.

The train was the 12.50 p.m. express from King's Cross to Newcastle.

The coach in which the fire started was reserved for 64 Ampleforth boys who were returning after the Easter holidays. When the train reached Claypole, between Grantham and Newark, about 3.30 p.m., it was noticed that the coach was on fire.

The communication cord was pulled and several of the boys jumped out before the train could be brought to a standstill.

When the train passed through Hougham Station, about a mile and a half from the scene of the occurrence, there was no sign of fire.

Crew's Efforts

The L. and N.E.R. stated that the coach involved was next to the rear brake van. The train was a relief to the daily 12.45 p.m. express. The official statement added:

The train was stopped and every effort made by the crew to extinguish the fire, but the coach, immediately in front and the brake van behind caught fire before the train could be uncoupled and cleared of the blazing vehicle.

A special locomotive brought doctors from Newark, where the injured are now in hospital.

As a result of the mishap the main line could not be used from 3.35 p.m. to 7.1 p.m., and trains were diverted over alternative routes. The cause of the fire is under inquiry.

An official at Newark railway station stated that doctors, ambulance workers and stretchers were soon on the scene.

"The injured were extricated with great difficulty," he said.

Names Of Injured

Seven boys are in Newark Hospital. In addition to Gerard Pierlot, they are:

David Winstanley, aged 16, Bel-size-grove, N.W.

Joseph F. Patron, aged 15, Haslemere.

Michael Harari, aged 14, Gloucester-place, W.

John Reid, aged 17, Pleasant-court, North Chapel, Petworth, Sussex, whose parents are in Egypt.

Eustace Maunsell, aged 16, Copper Mead Ridgway, Farnham, Surrey.

Roger Burrows, aged 16, Beach Cottage, Grove-road, Merrow, Guildford.

Maunsell and Burrows are suffering from injuries to the shoulders and legs and the others from burns.

Altogether there were 101 Ampleforth boys in the train. A master, the Rev. H. Dunstan Pozzi, was with them.

Most of the boys continued their journey and arrived at the College later.

An official of the College said that the authorities were completely in the dark concerning details of the occurrence. They were, however, sending telegrams as quickly as possible to reassure parents whose children were safe.

Embassy Informed

News of the accident reached the Belgian Embassy and an official telephoned the Belgian Consul, M. De Backer, explaining that friends were trying to get in touch with M. Pierlot, who lives at Byfleet, Surrey.

M. Pierlot escaped to England from Belgium in October and was joined in January by his wife and six children, four boys and two girls, whose ages ranged from 19 to 5.

He was in the Carlton when it was bombed last year, but escaped injury.

The history of Ampleforth College is identified with the English Benedictine Community of St. Laurence's, Ampleforth, which was exiled at the Reformation, settled in Lorraine, and was expelled from France at the time of the Revolution. The Community returned to England and resumed the monastic life and educational work at Ampleforth in 1802.

900 HOSIERY WORKS CLOSING

Concentration of the hosiery industry of Great Britain will mean the release of 30,000 and perhaps 50,000 workpeople for munitions and other war services.

It will probably mean the closing down of about 900 factories, or two-thirds of those now operating.

Complete schemes for the concentration, it is hoped, will be in operation within six months.

This was the situation with which Capt. Oliver Lyttelton, then President of the Board of Trade, confronted a deputation from the National Federation of Hosiery Manufacturers' Association and representatives of the trade unions when they attended a conference in London at his invitation recently.

They are now returning to their centres to begin organising the industry into groups for the purposes of the concentration.

Problems which will have to be solved were placed before Capt. Lyttelton. One of them concerned the retention of special brands of goods, even though the factories which made the goods in the past are no longer at work.

NAZI RULE IN CRETE & GREECE

The "Daily Telegraph's" Istanbul Correspondent cabled recently:—

Reports which may contain an element of German publicity to frighten prospective victims, but which nevertheless indicate the length to which the Nazis will go in occupied countries, have been received from Greece and Crete.

The shoulders of all Cretan women are to be examined to see whether they bear any bruise marks as the result of the recoil of a rifle. The German High Command has announced that any women bearing such marks will be shot as franc-tireurs.

All Greeks of Cretan origin living in Greece are to be sent to the concentration camp. Many well-known Greek personalities have been arrested.

The Germans have announced that any person found in the streets after the curfew will be shot on the spot.

Patrols have received orders to throw grenades if groups of people are found.

Despite fantastic odds, the spirit of the Greeks is uncurbed.

TEACHING STAFFS TO BE REDUCED

Under the new Schedule of Reserved Occupations only 10 per cent. of elementary school teachers below 35 will be retained in England.

This is the decision of the Board of Education. Most teachers in elementary schools are without degrees.

Teachers in both elementary schools

HESS PEACE PLAN GOSSIP QUASHED

Questioned in regard to the report that Rudolf Hess had flown to Britain with a peace plan, under which the British Fleet and Empire would remain intact, President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday he believed even Mr. Churchill did not know of that proposal.

The President added that many well-meaning citizens were continually rushing to Washington with peace plans which in some cases looked like "plants."—Reuter.

Soviet Approval

Mr. Churchill's speech at County Hall on Monday was published verbatim in all the leading Soviet newspapers yesterday.

The text of the Anglo-Soviet Agreement was prominently printed on the front pages of all papers which did not have editions on Monday.

It was accompanied by leading articles by Soviet scientists and academicians expressing satisfaction at the Pact, and by lengthy accounts of factory meetings at which unanimous resolutions in favour of the Agreement were passed.—Reuter.

525 U.S. PILOTS JOIN R.A.F.

Clayton Knight, a pilot in the last war, who is head of the committee which deals with the applications of American aviators to join the R.A.F. or the Royal Canadian Air Force, stated recently that 525 men, all with a minimum of 300 hours' flying experience, had been accepted since July last.

More than 400 were serving in Canada as flying instructors.

Others were engaged in delivering British-made planes from factories to aerodromes, ferrying American bombers across the Atlantic or on active duty with the American Eagle Squadron in Britain.

Committee hopes to enrol another 600 pilots in the next few months.

Their safety record is extraordinarily good. All Atlantic crossings in which they have participated have been made without incident.

and secondary schools under 35 who hold degrees in mathematics, physics, chemistry or engineering are liable to be called up for specialist work when needed, but regard will be paid to the requirements of the



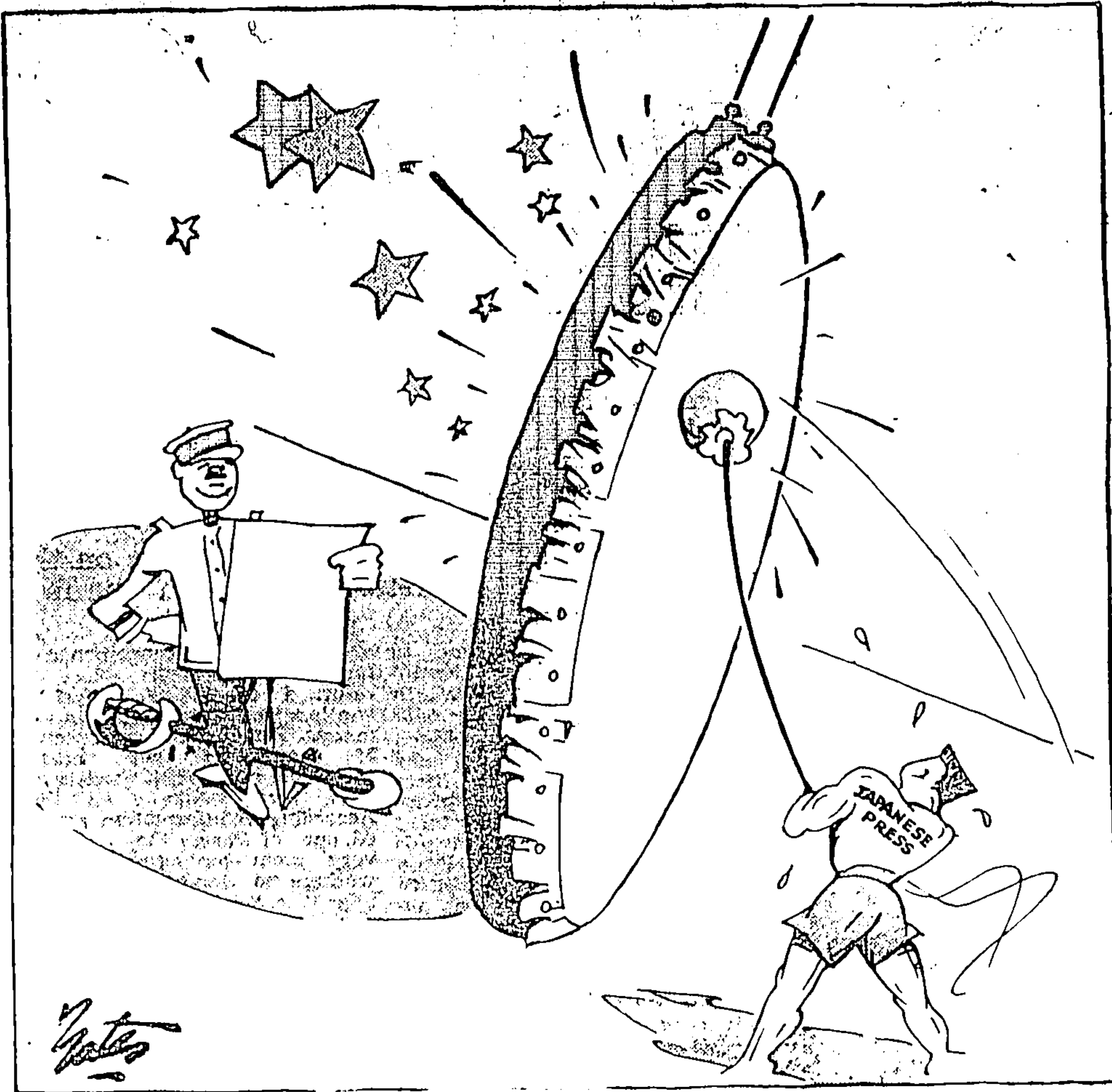
SYRIA CONFLICT

Because all Germany's main energies are concentrated against Russia, the termination of the unhappy conflict in Syria will naturally attract less notice than would otherwise have been its due. Time alone will show whether the achievement of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's forces has important consequences beyond the political sphere. Obviously, the surrender of General Dentz goes far to modify the strategic peril to Suez arising from the withdrawal from Crete, an island which was considered to be secure in our hands. It appreciably reduces the threat to Cyprus, for this time the advantage of near air bases will be with the defenders and not the attackers. It guarantees the elimination of Syria as a threatening stepping-stone to the Mosul oil fields.

French defence against restrained pressure lasted just over a month. The repercussions of the surrender will be felt throughout the Near East, in Turkey, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the great desert to the south. Britain again has a solid front. The Arabs have clearly rejected the Holy War the fanatical Mufti of Jerusalem sought to inflame, and both he and the usurper Rashid Ali el Gailani are fugitives, repudiated by their own people.

For the first time in this war the Germans have been compelled to flee from an area into which they had penetrated. Britain gains the inestimable gift of time, time to consolidate her future defence of the Mosul oil fields, time to throw the small but efficient forces which took Damascus to other fronts where they are needed. It is not likely the Nazis will quit their struggle for Iraq's oil, but the short way is now closed to them. The precious fluid that seemed almost in their grasp is snatched from their best point of attack.

The terms of the armistice undoubtedly give the British complete control of the country. The road to the conquest of Arabia and the road to India is blocked. Most important at the moment is that one prong of the Nazi pincers reaching for Suez is smashed.



DRUMMING IT UP

Crown Prince Of Vichy

This is the fourth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

On October 9, 1934, King Alexander I of Serbia, ally and friend of France, and Louis Barthou, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Doumergue Cabinet, were shot and killed by a Macedonian terrorist. The era of violence and catastrophe had begun.

The most important of all portfolios is that of Foreign Affairs, and it was necessary to provide immediately for a successor to Barthou. Several candidates were suggested. Pierre Laval was chosen. It was learned that he had the full support of Marshal Petain, Minister of War.

Who is this notorious Laval whom Marshal Petain, in 1934, and perhaps even earlier, made his political associate?

The man has always been cloaked in mystery and he is not well known, even in France.

To-day Laval is fifty-eight years old. He has a distinctly alarming face and undeniable geniality. The calm and dignity of his manner, the affability of his greeting have facilitated his career. He has been successful in arbitrating political and social conflicts. He has sometimes appeared to be clairvoyant. The agreement drawn up at Stresa in 1935 among England, France and Italy seemed to many sensible people a guaranty against the rise of Nazism. This attempt failed, as have all the expansive political schemes of Laval.

Pierre Laval was born and grew up in great poverty, which did not crush him. He succeeded in passing his examinations for the law, and in 1911 he opened a small law office for workmen at Aubervilliers, an industrial centre near Paris. He gave consultations for 2 francs, which, at that time, would be about 40 cents. His popularity grew quickly and, in 1914, he was elected Deputy from the Seine. In the Chamber of Deputies he sat at the extreme left of the Socialist party (Communism had not yet been invented).

The war broke out. Laval became one of the two or three "Kienthallians" of the Chamber. That was the name given to a group of extreme pacifists, whose delegates met the representatives of the German Socialist party at Kienthal and Zimmerwald, little

Swiss cities. At these meetings they discussed ways of bringing the war to an end immediately.

After the war of 1914 Paul Alard, a journalist, published a work entitled "Behind the Scenes of the War, Revealed by the Secret Committees" (of the two houses of Parliament). This book cannot be found in France. The book-store editions were bought up; the library copies were removed.

It contains the report of an extraordinary speech made by Laval in the secret session of the Chamber of Deputies on June 1, 1917. That was the period of dangerous mutinies in the army. From

By Henry Bernstein

the Speaker's stand he recommended immediate peace by threatening Parliament and the country indirectly with a military uprising. In spite of his cautious phrases this appeal to defeatism and revolt was interrupted several times by indignant protests from the majority of the Assembly.

Mr. Laval's apparent object was to obtain passports so that French representatives could go to a "so-called" international conference, like that at Kienthal, which was to take place in Stockholm.

To show Parliament the necessity of letting the French extremists go to Stockholm, and of concluding as quickly as possible a peace with Germany, Mr. Laval read to the Deputies an incredible report. This important and strictly secret report had been made by Generalissimo Petain to the Minister of War. It had been written two days before and discussed the day before at the Council of Ministers.

Generalissimo Petain had painted a dark picture of the lack of discipline which was increasing in the ranks, and of the revolt of whole battalions.

How did this ultra-confidential report of Gen. Petain's get into the hands of Pierre Laval? No one save for Mr. Laval and the person or persons who gave it to him, has ever known.

After the French victory, Laval

led a cautious life, shifting between Socialism and Communism. His career as a lawyer developed. In 1921 he began to draw closer to the moderate parties; he did it cleverly and soon he was spoken of by them with great favour. He was minister for the first time in 1925. In 1931 the President of the republic confided to M. Pierre Laval the task of forming the Cabinet. The ex-Socialist—fifteen years after his speech to the secret committee—became Prime Minister and head of the Conservative party.

At the same time that he acquired power he acquired a large fortune.

This is a brief but accurate sketch of the career of the minister backed by Marshal Petain to take charge of foreign affairs in October, 1934, that is, at a dark hour when internal strife was disrupting the country and when the German menace reappeared on the border.

Marshal Petain has always spoken in the sharpest terms of French politicians, of their recantations and their corruption. And among them all the one he chose as a partner was Pierre Laval.

Mr. Laval was hardly a success in 1931 as President of the Council. He was considered a failure particularly in the field of foreign affairs. So the Senate overturned his ministry as soon as Briand who was a member of it, had died.

Those who were ill-informed were, therefore, surprised when Doumergue chose him in 1934 as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and still more surprised at the strong support given him by Marshal Petain. At this time the government policy was strongly nationalistic, and Doumergue, who had initiated ministerial broadcasts, issued warnings of the German danger every week to the country at large. Already, however, although the accusation was not openly made, people doubted Laval's firmness in regard to the Nazis.

In principle, he was to continue the admirable work of his predecessor, Louis Barthou. With the passage of years one sees clearly that he set to work at once to destroy it.

Barthou had planned an encirclement of Germany which would have long delayed, if not prevented, the vast Hitlerian design.

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PARISIANS, UNDER YOKE, HOPE GONE, MISERY RISING

(By Sonia Tomara)

A YEAR AGO on June 15, German troops entered Paris. It was Friday. The city was deserted. Three million Parisians had fled before the invaders. Those who remained were barricaded behind closed doors and windows.

The French government was in Tours, on the Loire. It was not to return to Paris in the first year of occupation.

Men on motorcycles came in first through the gate of Pantin and the poorest northeastern suburbs. They rumbled over the Paris pavement at 7 a.m. Later came tanks, trucks and cars filled with officers. They poured from the north, northwest and the west. The proudest victors rolled past the Arc de Triomphe, on the Place de l'Etoile, and down the Champs Elysees. The rallying point was on the Concorde, which Jean Giraudoux, the French poet, had called "the world's most beautiful place."

The swastika flag was soon to float over the Triumphal Arch and the Eiffel Tower.

It still floats there. After over a year of occupation the German are entrenched solidly in the City of Light, which has become a city of gloom and darkness—not only because of the black-out which envelops it every night, but also because of the misery and despair which are the lot of Frenchmen as of all people under German domination.

Little News

Little news has come out of Paris in the last year. Whatever has reached here has been brought by weary refugees from France. No mail and no cables have been let out of occupied France. The Germans jealously guard the frontier they have drawn through the heart of the country. Even the Frenchmen who live on different sides of it know little of one another. It seems from reports received from France that the Germans have succeeded not only in splitting the land but in dividing the French people.

Parisians have learned a bitter lesson during the year of occupation. At first, when the Germans came, they were relieved to see order restored and the threat of bombing removed. The Germans were "correct," they paid for all they bought. It seems to-day that they have bought—with French money to be sure—all there was to buy in France. They started with the goods in the stores that were still plentiful a year ago. Their army of occupation, estimated at first at 2,500,000 and more, fed on French wheat and beef. The champagne wine stored in the cellars of Rhelms and Epervay was shipped to Germany.

But all this was not enough. As time went on and the invasion of England was postponed, German troops were sent home or to the Balkan front. But the German authorities still are levying 400,000,000 francs a day for occupation. Yet it is calculated that the cost of occupation does not exceed 150,000 francs a day.

Invade Mines And Factories

The rest is pure profit for Germany. The billions of francs piled up over months have been used to buy the majority of stocks in all French industrial enterprises. Germans now control the iron works in the north-east, the coal mines of the north, the French textile mills, the Lyons silk industry, the chemical plants near Paris and Marseilles, the phosphates of North Africa and the utilities and railways. They also have "bought" from the French many of their foreign holdings such as the Bor copper mines in Yugoslavia. If peace were signed it would be natural that the Germans would take over from the French their share in the Suez Canal.

With war still going on along the Channel, and France being cut off from all reserves of raw materials, work has been scarce. It seems from reports that tens

of thousands of Frenchmen could find no employment when they returned to Paris. Qualified workers were offered jobs in Germany. Forty thousand accepted. If they had not occupied their dole and ration cards would have been taken from them. According to information smuggled out of Paris the distress is very great among white collar workers no longer needed. The dole received by unemployed is twelve francs a day, or 22 cents at the official rate. Yet rationed goods are scarce and the prices on the "black market" are said to be "extravagant."

Misery Growing

So misery is growing from day to day. Persons arrived from Paris recently say that last winter was hard but next winter, it is feared, will be even worse.

This summer's crops are expected to be small because most of the seeds have been eaten. Besides, more than a million farmers and farmhands are held in German prison camps. Transportation of goods is hampered by absence of gasoline and shortage of coal. One hundred and fifty thousand French railroad coaches have gone to Germany. Paris is said to be like a city of the dead at night. It has no taxis, no buses, no private cars. Only German military get gasoline.

All through the winter, Parisians had hoped against hope, it is said, that Great Britain and the United States might join hands to defeat the German overlords. But the German victories in the Balkans and the Mediterranean seem to have erased optimism. So the Parisians appear resigned when they are pushed into "collaboration" with the enemy. "We have to live," they say, "and only the Germans can give us bread."

TATTOOING BACK IN FASHION AGAIN

Tattooists in England are busier than they have been for many years.

The reason is that thousands of men and women going into the forces are bringing tattoo marks back into fashion.

Both men and women are having their regimental badges tattooed on their arms, there is also a big demand for identification number markings.

A London tattooist stated that though men still formed the bulk of his clientele, increasing numbers of women were attending daily.

"Another idea is to have their blood groups tattooed on them in case they are caught in air raids."

"CIGARETTE AND LIPSTICK OUTLOOK" MUST GO

The "cigarette and lipstick outlook on life" must be changed, said the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. C. E. Curzon, recently.

"I have no objections to cigarettes, but I am glad lipstick was not invented when I was a young man," he said.

"They are symbols which will have to be replaced by others. I suggest these new symbols should be the spade and cradle."

WANTS FIT MEN OUT OF BALLOON CREWS

The Secretary for Air is to be asked in Parliament if he will consider a release to other services of all officers and men of military age and medical fitness now employed in balloon barrage crews.

He will also be asked what decisions have been reached for the employment of members of the Women's Royal Air Force in balloon barrage, so as to release men of military age and fitness.

TASTE OF DAMNABLE MEDICINE

THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS ALONE WE HAD DROPPED ON GERMANY ABOUT HALF THE WHOLE WEIGHT OF BOMBS DROPPED ON OUR OWN CITIES SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, IS NOTED BY THE PRESS WITH A CERTAIN GRIM SATISFACTION: A SATISFACTION PRIMARILY DUE TO THE CLEAR REVELATION WHICH THE STATEMENT PROVIDES OF THE ENORMOUSLY INCREASED STRIKING POWER OF THE R.A.F.

As the "Manchester Guardian" says: "As moral beings we have, one supposes, no right to feel glad that the Germans are at last tasting their own damnable medicine."

"As combatants in a merciless war we can rejoice that our country's strength is rising sufficiently for us to take the offensive."

As for material damage caused to the enemy, says "The Times": "It has undoubtedly been great and the German radio has been compelled to issue excuses to the civil population for the apparent lack of adequate protection of their person and property."—British Wireless.

SIR ARTHUR BLACKBURN HERE

Sir Arthur Blackburn, Counsellor to the British Embassy in Chungking, arrived in the Colony last night and has entered the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment of the injuries he received in the recent Japanese air raid on China's wartime capital.

Sir Arthur was accompanied by Lady Blackburn.

U.S. PREFERRED

A number of foreign writers and correspondents including Henri Bernstein, Countess Alexander Tolsky, Edna Faber and David Lu participated in the broadcast programme entitled "America Preferred" sponsored by the United States Treasury Department from New York on Sunday.—Central News.

SOUTH AMERICAN GESTURE

Photographs appeared in London newspapers last night of General Bilbao and officers of the South American air mission to Britain placing a wreath upon the R.A.F. Memorial on the Thames Embankment.—British Wireless.

Restoration Of Peace In China A Long Way Off

(By Percy Whiteing)

THE RESTORATION of peace throughout China is still a long way off, laments a political writer, Makoto Komura, in an article in the popular "Hochi," in which he surveys the Japan-China conflict.

It has taken on the status of a prolonged conflict, says Mr. Komura, continuing: "Though neither Japan nor China has formally declared war, there is no doubt that the China Incident is a war, and it is being carried on with the entire national strength on both sides. The front, at first in north China, expanded to central China, and then to interior points and south China.

"The conflict also has involved French Indo-China and Burma, and it has in fact taken on the shape of a total war, as defined by the late German military leader, Marshal Ludendorff.

It is, no doubt, a struggle of life or death to Chungking. In the case of Japan also it is a war being fought with her entire national strength, even though the military power being exerted in it may be said to be only one-fifth or even one-tenth of her total fighting strength.

"It is not common in world history for such a total war to last for more than four years.

Prolonged War Status

It is, indeed, a remarkable development for the China Incident to enter the status of a prolonged war.

"Since this war began, the Japanese forces have strongly assaulted the Chungking armies, Communist forces and guerillas. Still the Chungking Government insists on resisting Japan and striving to attain the objective of the 'scorched earth' policy.

"While the Nanking government under the leadership of Wang Ching-wei is gradually perfecting its organisation and reaching the mind of the people, Chungking is following the downward path to become finally merely a local government.

No Compromise By Chungking

"Nevertheless the Chungking Government displays no intention of yielding to Japan nor of reaching a compromise with Nanking. It is determined to keep the peace of China disturbed by spurning the peaceful relations established between Japan and the Wang government.

"The Chungking Government, is acting in this way because it feels strength based on the vast hinterland behind it and the manpower and material resources that will enable it to continue negative resistance to Japan.

"Not only that but Britain and the United States continue to give aid to Chungking, apparently not letting it concern them in this respect that their own positions tremble before the Axis powers.

"Thus the Generalissimo is doing his utmost to continue resistance to Japan. However wide the region behind it may be and however great may be its resources enabling it to continue its resistance, against Japan, this resistance will have a limit, encountering a wall it cannot surmount, if the neighbouring countries join in the movement to establish a 'new order in east Asia' and exert pressure on Chungking from behind.

"But if such a change in the international situation is not seen, the Japan-China conflict will be prolonged, and the restoration of peace to the whole of China will be far away."

Urged To Have Confidence

The people of Japan are urged by Admiral Baron Abo, member of the Cabinet's advisory council and former Navy Minister, to have full confidence in the real strength of their Empire, and to do their utmost to surmount the emergency confronting the nation and to meet anything that may arise from the present extraordinary international situation. Baron Abo made this appeal in the "Hochi."

Japan has her own strength, he says, and has made her own war preparations, yet foreigners and even some Japanese themselves do not recognise the inherent strength of Japan. The admiral's article is in part as follows: "Japan's great mission now is establishment of the new order in east Asia. The recent visit of Wang Ching-wei of the Nanking government to Tokyo, and the Konoye-Wang joint statement then issued, mark a stage in the progress of constructing this 'new order.'"

"Yet to construct this new order will be difficult, and it will take many years to achieve. Not only are we fighting Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, but we are also fighting an indirect war with Britain and the United States, who are behind Chungking.

"Britain and the United States utterly ignore our objective of bringing about a 'new order in east Asia.' But even if we have to resist them we must accomplish our great objective, through manifestation of the traditional Japanese spirit.

Self-Sufficient In Food

"Apart from the strength based on this spirit, Japan is strong due to, among other factors, her self-sufficiency in food. Some complaints have been heard about a shortage of rice, and about the mixture of foreign rice with our own rice. Nevertheless, Japan has plenty of food.

"Japan proper and Korea produce 85,000,000 koku (425,000,000 bushels) of rice, and our fisheries produce 6,000,000 tons of fish, valued at ¥430,000,000, yearly.

"As for manpower, the population is increasing at the rate of about 1,000,000 a year. The country has great water resources, which produce abundant hydro-electric power, which is supplied to industry and dwellings to an extent that surprises foreign observers. The people are progressive and willing to learn. An old-time example of this is the adoption of firearms from the Portuguese some four centuries ago. With two guns as samples, 600 were soon produced. Based on this spirit our modern industry and military strength have attained a remarkable position.

"Besides what further progress will be made, and what further resources will be found, in Japan we shall be replenishing our supplies of raw materials from Manchoukuo, north China, Hainan, French Indo-China, and the Netherlands East Indies.

Possible Blockade Futile

So even if Britain and the United States blockade Japan and it becomes impossible to get oil, tin, copper and nickel from abroad, we shall be able to find proper substitutes. There is no need to worry about the future.

"There is no other country able to supply its entire war requirements without depending on imports. For Japan it is only necessary to advance firmly on her own strength, despite any blockade. Over-confidence without strength is to be avoided, but to under-value one's own strength, and to not advance when it should be done, would indeed be a great misfortune.

"All, whether officials, military men, merchants, students or housewives, must have confidence

LONELY SOLDIER SENDS LOVE AFTER 24 YEARS

A letter to a "lonely soldier," written by a Los Angeles woman in 1917, was discovered by a man serving in this war when he unpacked some war material recently.

The woman asked the finder to correspond with her.

He has answered the twenty-four-year-old letter.

HUGE NAZI FORCES MAINTAINED TO CONTROL CZECHS

Spontaneous pro-Yugoslavian demonstrations in Czecho-Slovakia led to the arrest of several hundreds of Czechs. Eleven Prague police officers were sent to concentration camps for failing to prevent popular demonstrations.

Colonel Hurban, Czech Minister at Washington, reports the maintenance in Bohemia and Moravia of 50, German police and 300,000 troops.

President Benes predicted on Good Friday that the Nazis would soon be making peace offers. A plebiscite, on the general lines of previous Nazi plebiscites, is being planned, the idea being to present to the world a picture of the Czech people as being content under the Nazi regime. The favourable moment for such a plebiscite would be a satisfactory conclusion of the Yugoslav-Greek campaign. President Benes warns his people in good time.

Wishful Song

Translation of a German war song broadcast from a German station, and sung by a men's choir:

"Now we are bound for England,
The whole country will be destroyed by fire;
Then we set out for the New World,
Whence we shall fetch Rosenfeld (Roosevelt),
Switzerland, the insolent porcupine,
We shall seize on the way home."

Hitler has banned the works of the great German Jewish poet Heine. In a small country church in England, one of his prophecies was read out recently to the congregation: "Christianity has occasionally calmed the brutal German lust for battle, but cannot destroy that savage joy. And when once that restraining talisman, the Cross, is broken, the old stone gods will rise from unremembered ruins and Thor will leap to life again and bring down his gigantic hammer upon the Gothic cathedrals." So wrote Heine, in 1834.

In our national strength, creating unity that in turn produces great military strength. Thus Japan will be able to conquer, even if she encounters a greater war than the China conflict, and the future of Empire will be bright."



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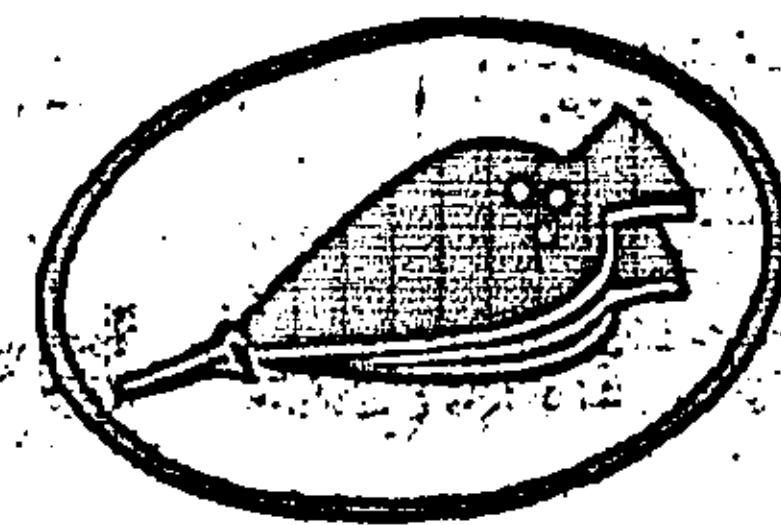
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BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR

By The Four Aces

"Please help us," writes a Baltimore reader. "We missed an easy game on the hand shown here, and to this day we don't know where we went wrong:

North, Dealer 1
Neither side vulnerable

NORTH
♠ J 6 5 3
♥ A K 6
♦ A 6 2
♣ K Q 10

WEST
♠ K 10 8
♥ J 7 2
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 8 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A 9 7 4 3
♥ Q 8 4 3
♦ Q
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

North East South West
1♠ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass Pass Pass

"We lost one club and one spade, making five-odd at a contract of only two. Still, we don't see how North can raise to three spades with such poor distribution; nor do we think that North should bid spades to begin with. Do you?"

"Perhaps South should have gone on to three spades, but North could have a good deal less for his bids. In that case, making even three spades might be quite a feat. And even if North had a fairly good hand for his bids, he might bid four spades, after an invitational three spades by South, and there might well be no play at all for the contract. South simply never dreamed that the North hand would be so strong.

"Where did we make our mistake?"

The mistake took place mainly in North's choice of the opening bid. North's best opening bid is one no-trump. If South then bids two spades, North has enough extra value to raise to three spades; and South must accept the invitation to game with alacrity.

As a matter of fact, South might even jump to three spades over the opening bid of one no-trump. Reaching game would then be very easy.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 3
♥ K 10 4
♦ K 5
♣ J 9 8 7

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Major
1♠ 2♣ (?)

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your length in spades weakens your partner's defensive strength and makes it likely that you will profit more from a probable game at spades than from a doubtful penalty double of two clubs. Score 100% for two spades, 30% for three spades, 20% for double.

Question No. 769

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 7 5 3
♥ 9 2
♦ K J 4
♣ A 8 7 3 2

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken You Major
1♠ Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CROWN PRINCE OF VICHY

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velopment. His finest achievement was the new pact with Russia. It was understood that this alliance was not to affect in any way the internal affairs of France, which was continuing resolutely its anti-Communist policy.

Laval signed the pact arranged by Barthou and the very next day set out for Moscow to close the agreement. But he took care to announce *urbi et orbi* that he would prevent the pact from being ratified by Parliament, which pleased the anti-Russian Right but was not designed to arouse great confidence on the part of the Soviet government.

On the other hand, during the consultations in Moscow, Laval asked Stalin to suggest that the French Communist party be more conciliatory. Delighted to have the French government ask for his protection, Stalin publicly ordered his French partisans to facilitate the defence efforts of the Cabinet. The effect of this measure was deplorable. The Communists regained an importance in France which they had completely lost and which continued to increase. It was Laval's trip to Moscow which gave birth to the Popular Front.

It is easy to fathom the reasons which drew Petain and Laval together. These two ambitious men complemented one another.

Laval was the chief of the pro-Italian party, recruited from the centre and the right of Parliament, and the more powerful because it included a number of anti-German patriots. Laval represented, as well, the big business interests and, in this role, he had at his disposal a huge electoral fund. In spite of all these trumps, he was neither liked nor respected in the country. Petain brought him his name, his rank, and a popularity far less dazzling than it is to-day but which, by constant propaganda, they tried to inflate.

There was another reason. We know that the marshal was not partial to responsibility while Laval—one must do him this justice—assumed it willingly.

For seven years they were close collaborators. But while "President" Laval thought he had Marshal Petain where he wanted him, and saw that the fact was suggested everywhere by his admirers and his agents, it was the marshal who continually made use of the President.

For M. Laval, because he had been successful in settling quarrels among politicians, or in ending strikes, was convinced that he could conquer the leading statesmen with an irresistible charm if they only had an opportunity to see his face and his smile and hear his voice.

It is this total misconception which led him successively to the White House to convince Mr. Herbert Hoover; to Rome to make Mussolini his friend for life; to the Kremlin to inflame Stalin with love.

So many journeys—so many failures! But these mishaps did not stop M. Laval. Late in 1939, after the war had broken out, he wanted to return to Rome and he offered to make the pilgrimage at his own risk, implying his ability to prevent Italy from going into the war—who knows? to detach it from Germany.

The human soul does not change. When he had become hereditary Prince of the France of Vichy, M. Pierre Laval had only one dream—to appear before Hitler.

On October 23, 1940, after incredible efforts, he obtained an interview which took place in Paris. What were the feelings of Adolf Hitler before Pierre Laval, the man who believed himself destined to become the Führer of France? We will never know. But up to this time, this conversation, so long desired, has produced results favourable neither to France nor to M. Laval personally.

IRISH FILL "EASY—MONEY" JOBS

Harry the London barman joins up. Pat takes his place. Harry the cocktail shaker, or the hotel porter, the cinema attendant, the liftman joins up. There's a Pat ready, I found recently, to jump into all such "neutral" jobs, writes an "Express Staff" reporter.

Since war began unemployment in neutral Eire has been rising.

In spite of a vast increase in the Eireann Army, a shortage of raw materials has recently led to a jump in the number of workless.

So the Pats look to England for work and wages.

Some come here as agricultural labourers, others as navvies. But the slicker, more sophisticated townsmen look for easy money in London, where employers are eager for staff.

Admission of Eire nationals to work here is controlled by the Ministry of Labour, which takes the view that it is all to the good that labour should be available to release men for the services.

Many mechanics from garages and engineering shops in Eire, which are now idle because of a lack of supplies, are seeking work in munitions factories here.

Men from Eire cannot be conscripted for the fighting services until they have been two years in this country.

Liable To Serve

The same rule applies to men from the other Dominions.

They are now liable for civil defence duties, such as fire-watching, and girls from Eire will not be able to claim any exemption from Mr. Bevin's industrial call-up.

When war began there was a rush of Irish men and women who wanted to go home. Now the United Kingdom Permit Office in Merrion-square, Dublin, is busy with applications for permits to come to England. Any one who has got a job here is, as a rule, given a permit.

Irishmen who leave this country within the two-year period to avoid conscription are not, however, allowed to return. They must stay in Eire while the war lasts.

A West End barman from Kilkenny said to me: "With a lot of us it is a question of keeping the old folks at home. I came over in January, and I'll work my two years here and send as much I can home."

"Then I'll be glad to join up and fight, so long as I know the old people have a bit of money to keep them going."

"Plenty of us Irish are doing A.R.P. work, anyway, and it's not to London we'd come for safety. If that's what we wanted. The wolf's on our door-step in Eire now, and we've got to do what we can about it."

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The mentally sketchy girl-friend says when her beau tells her he's foot weary the only suggestion she can make is that he get shoes a little wider.

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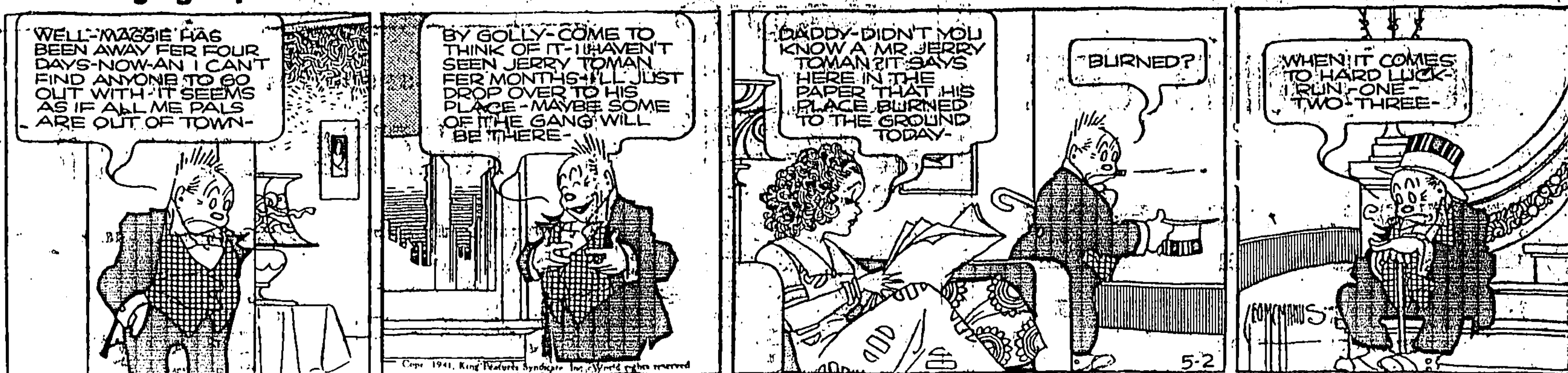
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Entire Meal Tastes Better If It
Contains At Least

ONE HOT DISH

Says Dorothy Greig

One of the things that lend zip and zest to summer meals is contrast. We plan for contrast in texture, for instance, a crunchy food and a smooth one. Contrast of colour makes a meal look more appealing, too. The green of beans, the yellow of corn, the red of strawberries. And most important of all is contrast of temperature. Cold food for summer meals, if you like, but get contrast by serving some hot food also in every meal.

Indeed, serving at least one hot dish does much more than just give balance and zest. It actually aids digestion, helps to keep us feeling fit through the doggy days. And it is wise to serve this hot food as early in the meal as possible.

For example, if the main dish is cold meat or a big husky salad, let's start with a light hot soup. That puts the tummy in good humour to digest the cold foods that follow.



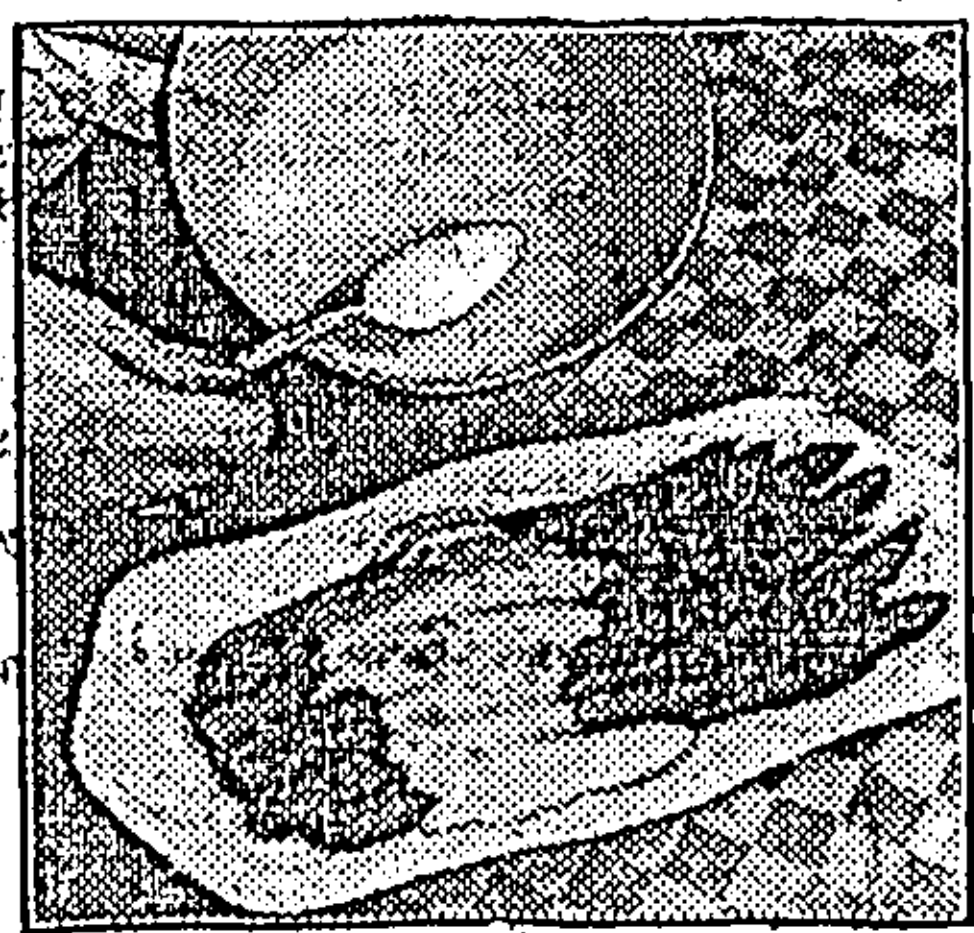
Chopped Steak and Spanish Rice Casserole—a zestful dish to sparkle up a summer meal.

IT'S ASPARAGUS TIME

—and all's well

Dorothy Greig

ONE of the palate treats of early summer is fresh green asparagus. It arrives green and succulent, with its own elusive fragrance. Its time is all too fleeting, so enjoy it while we may.



Served hot, dressed lavishly with golden melted butter as perhaps our first thought. But if your taste runs to more provocative and positive flavors then enhance asparagus with a gay, and edgy sauce that combines the delicate sharpness of pimiento cheese with the rich mushroom flavor of condensed cream of mushroom soup. For all its flavor, this sauce is easy to make. This is how it goes. But first we start with the asparagus.

1 bunch fresh asparagus
To cook whole, tie loosely in a bunch, put into rapidly boiling salted water and cook, uncovered, 10-20 minutes or until tender. Lift bunch from kettle, drain, serve hot, stalks arranged parallel with sauce poured over them.

Mushroom Pimiento Sauce
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/4 cup milk
2 ounces pimiento cheese
Stir the milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup and then add the pimiento cheese. Heat in a double boiler until the cheese melts and then pour over the asparagus. Served 6.

On the other hand, if the first course is jellied consommé, chilled tomato juice or fruit cup, follow along with a hot main dish or maybe a hot vegetable casserole.

Here is the recipe for a light soup that makes a fine beginning to a summer meal:

Chicken Noodle And Celery Soup

1 can condensed chicken noodle soup

1 can condensed celery soup

2 cans milk (using the soup can for a measure.)

Combine the chicken noodle and celery soups. Then add 2 cans milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but to do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And for a hot main dish you will enjoy this, not only for its fine flavour but because it looks so savoury, thanks to its contrast of sizzling brown meat cakes on

white rice that has been mixed with green peppers and red condensed tomato soup.

Chopped Steak And Spanish Rice Casserole

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
2 tablespoons onion, chopped
1 can condensed tomato soup
3 1/2 cups cooked rice
1 pinch pepper

Melt the butter, add chopped green pepper and chopped onion and cook until soft. Then add the tomato soup, well-drained cooked rice, and pepper. Stir carefully until well mixed. Put into a casserole and arrange raw chopped steaks on the top.

Chopped Steaks: Mix together one pound ground round steak, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shape into flat patties and put on the Spanish Rice. Put casserole under the broiler and broil the steaks first on one side and then the other. Serves 5-6.

Are You A Trespasser?

There are such a lot of ways of trespassing.

One way among women is edging in on each other's young men. It causes great heartburnings and great resentment, but sometimes it's a little excusable. The temptation may be considerable; the man is (up to a point) a free agent; the other woman is welcome to do her best to defeat you.

But it's only fair to remind you—if you're that kind of trespasser—that man may resent having enjoyed flirting with you. He'll hate you equally for making him feel either a cad or conspicuous.

And what can we say for you, if you're the kind of trespasser who cuts in on other people's good stories? Or who pinches their

ideas—and claims them for her own?

Is there any excuse in the world that can justify such an outrageous cut-in as luring away someone else's domestic "help"?

Or, come to that, someone's gem of a secretary. It's up to you to find your own workers—not steal other people's.

And oh, oh, do you trespass on parties? Do you ring up someone you've neglected who's giving one and say, "Darling, when can I see you?"

"Do you say to some young man, 'You know them well, you could easily take me along!'"

These are the sort of things that pre-written down and handed on against you. You've got to be wonderful value to get away with them!

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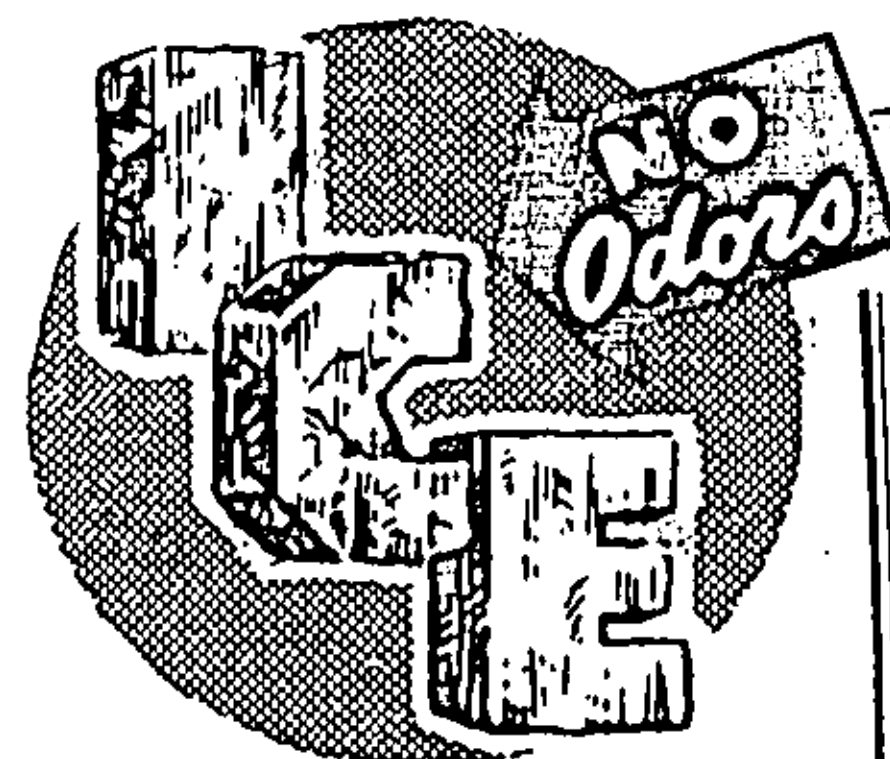


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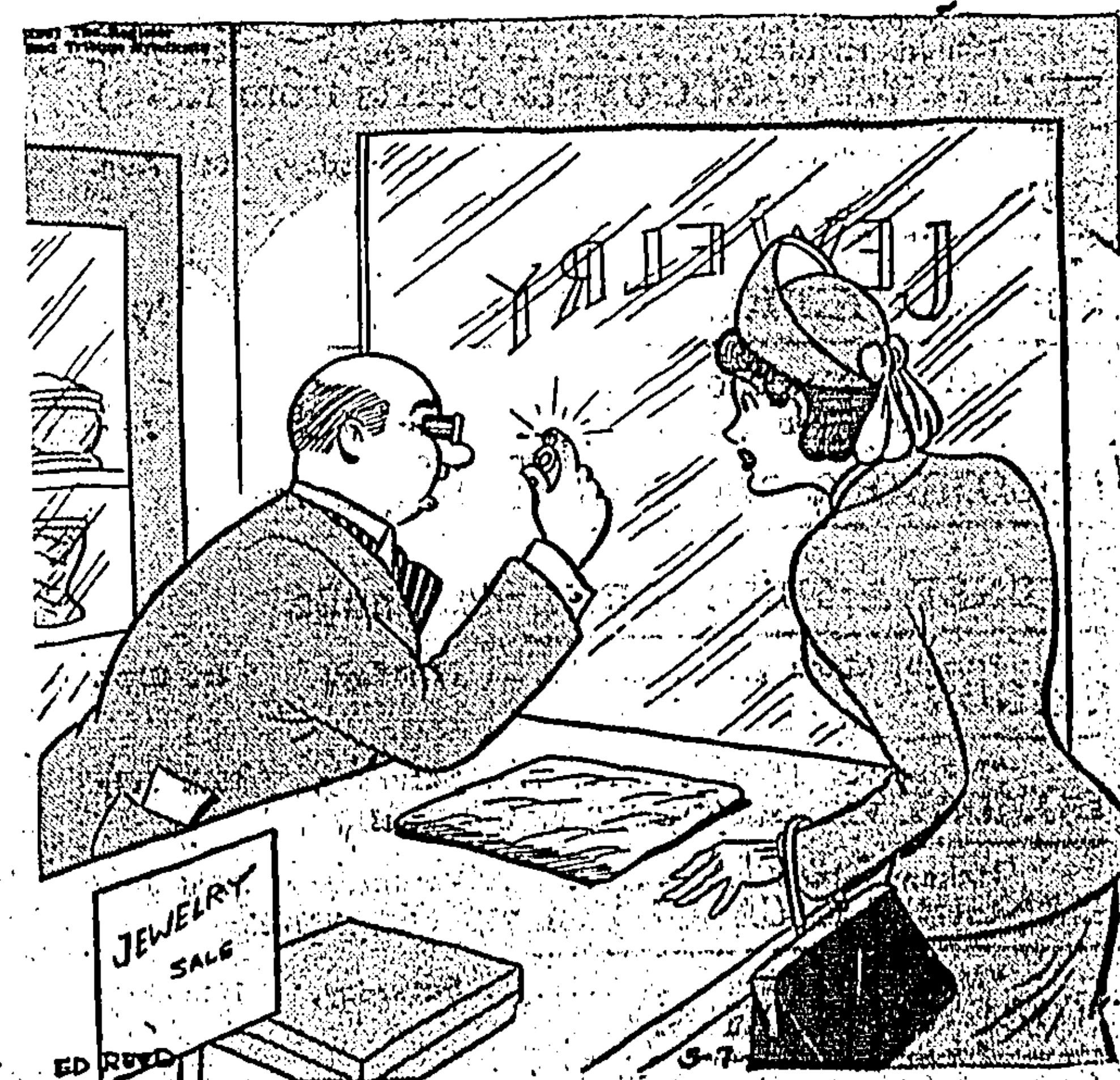
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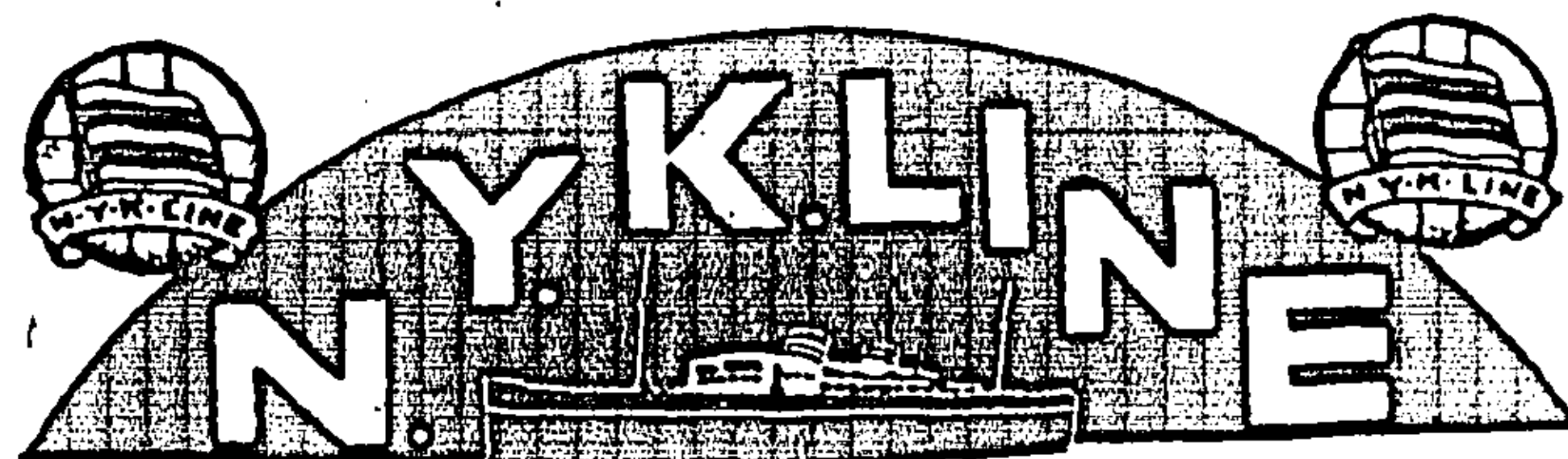
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Boredin—Symphony No. 2 in B Minor. Allegro—Scherzo—Andante—Allegro. The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Anne Shelton, Flanagan and Allen and The Ballyhoolligans.

Flanagan & Allen Memories—Intro: Wanderer; Dreaming; Where The Arches Used To Be; Can't We Meet Again; A Million Tears; Underneath The Arches. Flanagan and Allen (Comedians) with Orchestra.

Temptation Rag—Fox-Trot (Lodge); Somebody Stole My Gal (Wood).... The Ballyhoolligans.

I'm Nobody's Baby (Davis, Ager, Santley); Maybe (Flynn-Madden) Anne Shelton (Vocal).

Choo-Choo—Quick-Step (Malneck & Trumbauer); China - Boy—Quick-Step (Winfree-Boutelle).... The Ballyhoolligans.

In A Little Rocky Valley (Green & others).... Flanagan & Allen (Comedians) with Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera. "Geisha"—Selection (Jones).... Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"Die Fledermaus"—Vocal Gems (J. Strauss).... The Grand Opera Company with Orchestra.

"A Country Girl"—Selection (Lionel Monckton).... The London Theatre Orchestra.

"The Three Waltzes"—Te Souvieux—II; C'Est La Saison D'Amour (Marchand & Willemetz).... Yvonne Printemps (Soprano) with Orch.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Compositions of Albeniz. Suite Iberia—Triana—El Corpus en Sevilla—El Puerto.... The Madrid Symphony Orchestra.

Cordoba.... Arthur Dubinstein (Piano).

Quisiera Olvidar Tus Ojos—Tango.... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orch.

Evocation.... Arthur Rubinstein (Piano).

Malaguena (Spanish Dance).... Fritz Kreisler (Violin) accomp. by Piano.

7.20 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Concert with Lily Pons (Soprano).

Moszkowski Dances Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (Arr. Petersen).... The Blue Hungarian Band.

Let Hear The Gentle Lark (Bishop).... Lily Pons with Orchestra.

A Frangese! (Mario Costa); Souvenir De Pausilippe (Godfrey Andolfi).... Orchestre Napolitain.

Estrellita (Little Star) (M. Ponce).... Lily Pons with Orchestra.

In The Sudan (Sebek); Babylonian Nights (Zamecnik).... Alfred Van Dam & his Gaumont State Orch.

Cupid Captive (Leigh Hunt-Frank Laforce).... Lily Pons with F. Laforce (Piano).

Fire Festival (Feuerfest) Polka (Josef Strauss-Op. 269); The Sinner's Joy—Polka Francaise (Johann Strauss).... Johann Strauss & Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Quilter—Three English Dances. The New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ainslie Murray.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"Some British Poets"—No. 5—Matthew Arnold. Father T. Ryan, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

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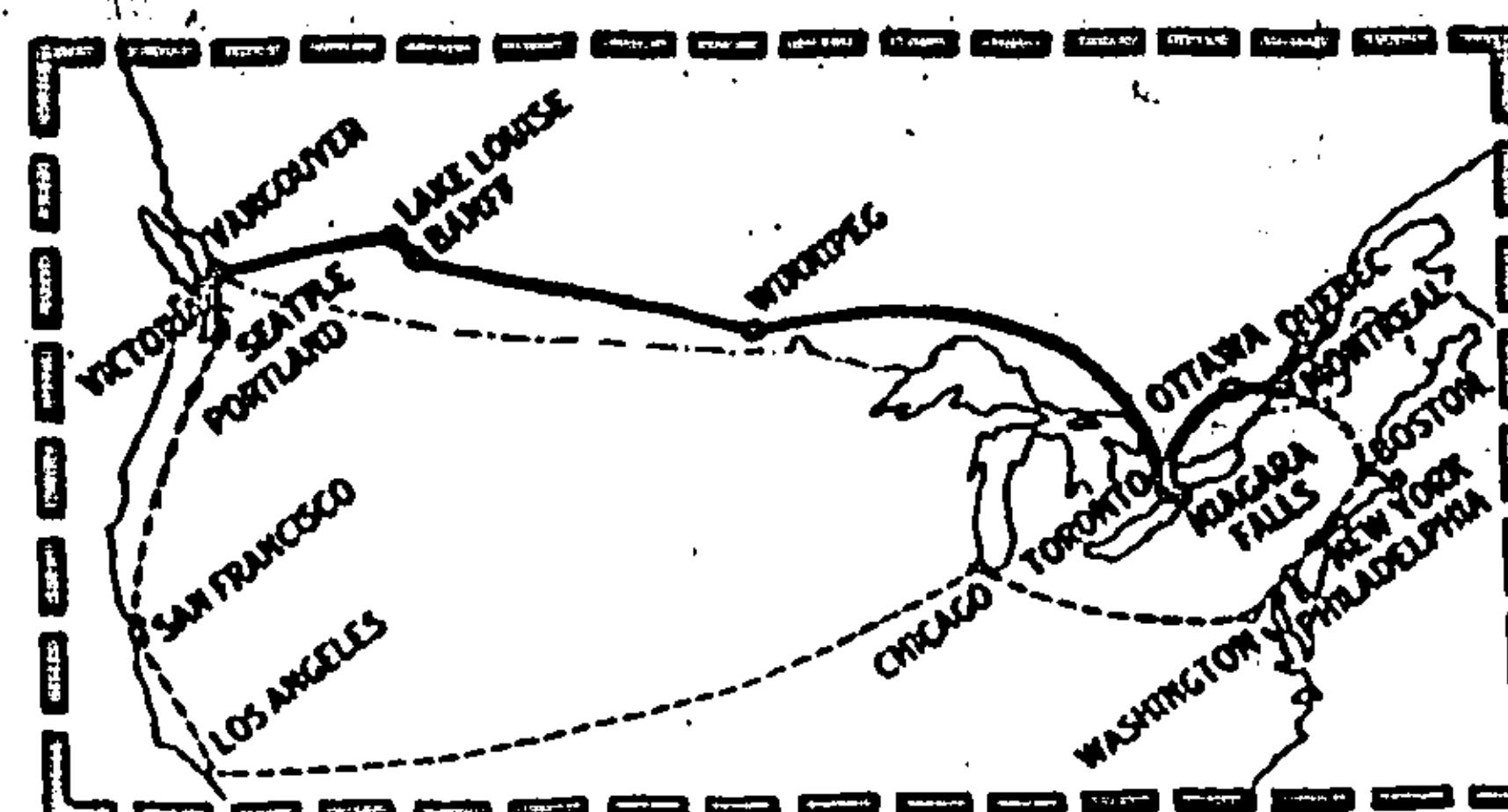
Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton).

Six Hills Of The Day—Intro: Until You Fall In Love; All The Things You Are; Sleepy Lagoon; Memories Live Longer Than Dreams; I'm Stepping Out With A Memory tonight; Meet The Sun Half-way.

10.00 p.m.—London—The News & News Commentary.

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Despite the coercion of labour in occupied countries, Germany's output of 'planes has been overtaken by Britain and the Empire alone.

With American 'planes coming over in ever-increasing numbers, we are fast building up an Air Force which will overshadow Goering's Luftwaffe.

Bombers and still more bombers is now the slogan. We are building up a bigger striking force quicker than at one time seemed possible.

Plans are now in an advanced stage for the ferrying of fighter 'planes by a secret route.

American aircraft are exceeding British expectations.

The flying fortress, for instance, has not only shown itself to be everything claimed for it by the American designers but something more besides.

One of these machines has crossed the Atlantic in 8h. 45m.

The Air Minister, speaking in London said:—

"As our air strength grows, and it is beginning to grow fast, we will repay the Germans." Reports from Emden on the effect of our new "beautiful" bombs say:

"The explosive used is fantastic. A bomb turned the whole of one quarter, with the exception of the Post Office, into a heap of ruins."

"Seventy houses were completely destroyed and twenty-five of these were just heaps of bricks. Although 200 houses were damaged, not including broken windows."

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STOCK EXCHANGE IRREGULAR

The London Stock Exchange encountered some irregularity yesterday. Gilt-edged, oils and industrials receded slightly on profit-taking but there were signs of renewed provincial support of the last named, especially breweries and textiles, at the lower levels. Rubbers and teas were firmly held while Kamfirs responded well to Cape and local support, but diamonds met profit-taking. Japanese bonds receded but subsequently were supported. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

KING COFFEE STILL RULES IN ALBANIA

Coffee is the greatest pleasure and the greatest vice of the Albanians.

In the larger houses there is a special coffee kitchen; every hour huge cups of the loveliest black brew are served, if you go shopping you are first of all offered coffee and cigarettes—this is just as much a part of the service which the shop tenders as the chair on which you are expected to sit, or the greeting you must exchange with the smiling assistant even if you don't understand a word he says.

It is impossible to refuse this hospitality nor would it be wise to do so. It would be construed as a brutal insult; an insult to the hospitality which is considered in Albania the holiest thing in human intercourse, and which is even mightier than the vendetta or "blood revenge."

If someone kills your child in Albania and flees to your house to find refuge, you cannot deliver him into the hands of the police; nor can you take revenge at once, into your hands. You must keep him as a most honoured guest for six weeks, provide him with all necessities and even luxuries. Then he will leave because he too, knows the laws of hospitality. Then and only then you may shoot him—in the back if you prefer—but not before he has left your house and is beyond the borders of your hospitality.

NIGHT PILOTS FROM CANADA

The largest single contingent of Empire airmen has arrived at a British port.

They include Canadians, Australians, New Zealanders and men of our own R.A.F. who have completed their training in Canada and America. The American in the party will be mainly employed ferrying machines from factories to air fields.

They have all had experience in night flying, sometimes in temperature as low as 35 degrees below zero.

They include Sergeant Andy Miller, an air gunner and amateur heavy-weight boxing champion of Canada, and a flying stunt man of Texas.

The most interesting American personality is P. Clark, a Californian, who, in a thrill-packed life, has fought in China against Japan and helped the Republicans against General Franco.

'GOOD TIME' WIFE SLAIN

"Sybil has hurt me in every possible way that a woman can hurt a man."

This passage from a diary was read at Gosport (Hants) recently when Donald Jack Chivers, 30, was charged with the murder at Lee-on-Solent of his wife Sybil Ann, 25, once blonde "Beauty Queen" of Norwich.

Mr. E. G. Robey, prosecuting, said in the diary was written: "I would have forgiven Sybil for everything, but Sybil would not have it that way."

"A good time for herself was more important to her than anything else. I cannot bear to think of somebody making love to her."

"Only God, Sybil and myself know what has happened to us young people. God. He does not talk. Sybil is dead, and I myself will soon be dead."

To his mother he wrote (said counsel): "Sybil has driven me too far at last."

NEW HANDS HER ONLY HOPE

Only concern of a girl of sixteen who lost both hands—and nearly her life—in an air raid is for a chance to take up her job as a telegraphist.

To do this she will need a special pair of artificial hands. These, she believes, could be got from the United States—but they would cost £400.

The girl, Jean Stormond, of Sunderland, qualified to be a Civil Service telegraphist just before she was injured a few months ago. She was with father and mother in their shelter during an air raid when a German Nazi plane crashed down on them.

All hope of rescuing the family had been given up when they were saved—all badly injured.

Jean's mother died, her father seriously injured his feet, and Jean, who was not expected to live, pulled through with her hands amputated.

She does not want sympathy. That, she says, is for those who "are much worse than I am."

Living For Job

She is the most cheerful girl in Sunderland Infirmary, where she is recovering steadily. She had a happy word for everyone—doctors, nurses and patients.

Mr. Stormond, too, is still in hospital. "Jean had just passed her examination to join the Civil Service when the accident happened," he told a reporter.

"She had always wanted this job and was just living for when she could take it up."

"Then everything was smashed in a few moments. But she has not let this crush her."

"How the hands she wants will be brought from America I don't know. The cost is about £400 and we have lost everything in our home."

"Jean's legs were injured and her face badly burned, but she has recovered miraculously." All Jean will say is, "While there's life there's hope, and there's plenty of life in me yet. It's no use looking on the black side. I am just hoping for the best."

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Something Different---

THE "Overland China Mail," weekly edition of the "China Mail" and containing all local and Far Eastern news from the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," has made a change in its policy in its present issue, to-day, 16th July.

In the past local and Far Eastern news has been contained in this edition, but as from to-day only local news will be published, covering a much wider field than hitherto.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

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MINDANAO CHALK UP FIFTH CONSECUTIVE WIN WHEN BEATING S. CHINA 11-1

By "Grandstand"

LOU POWLAWSKI'S MERRY MINDANAOANS CHALKED UP THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER SOUTH CHINA 11 TO 1 YESTERDAY AT RAILWAY CORNER.

Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau showed decided improvement by limiting the cloud bumping mace hurlers to only 10 blows, and struck out four in six frames, whilst mound victor Henry "Crooner" Ruel doled out three safeties, fanned three and walked three in four innings. Relief chucker Tony Mascavage pitched a no-hit, no-run ball for the rest of the tussle.

The Caroliners started off with a bang as Cecil Winglee thumped the horse-hide into deep left, but the relay beat him by a whisker to rob him of a three-bagger. Nelson Ma worked Ruel for a walk, made third on Hal Winglee's sacrifice dump, and dented the counting stump for the only South China marker as first-sacker Bob Strahl fumbled Ray Wilson's easy toss. Four solid blows, assisted by five expensive bingles, gave the Merry Mindanaoans a flying start of six tallies.

Sacks Soused

In the next frame, Nam Hwa had the sacks soused with only one away. Cecil Winglee rapped out a grass cutter to third, but Harry Chinn was forced out at the plate for the second erasure. Nelson Ma fanned the breeze to end the threat.

"DAI" BLACK PASSES

News has been received in the Colony of the death in Plymouth, of Mr. F. W. ("Dai") Black, formerly of the Naval Dockyard here, and one of the greatest personalities in Hong Kong football circles for many years following his arrival here just after the outbreak of the last War.

Before coming East Mr. Black was regarded as one of the finest amateur full-backs in the West Country and was capped for Cornwall County and, later Devon County. He also played for Plymouth Argyle.

When Mr. Black played for Hong Kong Football Club (1915-1920) they were a very powerful team, but though they never won the League and Shield in the same season, they carried off both honours during his time.

Mr. Black leaves a widow, a son and daughter at home and a daughter, Mrs. J. J. King, in the Colony.

It is understood that Miss Pat Pascoe, who was amongst the successful candidates at the recent Matriculation Examinations, will be going up to the University after the Summer vacation, and will be joining the Medical Faculty. Miss Pascoe plays a useful game of softball as well as hockey and should prove a useful addition to the ranks of the lady undergraduate sports-women.

LEAGUE TABLE

TO DATE

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Mindanao	5	0	1.000
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
Asheville	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	2	3	.400
H.K. Baseballers	1	4	.200
South China	0	6	.000

Chalking up two in the second and fourth, and one in the sixth, the Mighty "M" clamped down the screws and blanked the Caroliners for the remainder of the scuffle.

Standing on the right side of the platter, gardener Earl "High-Jumper" Wilson parked Lau's first pitch into deep left for a triple, the longest blow of the day, the other extra-base clout being knocked in by Cecil Winglee.

E. Wilson, Lou Powlawski and Tony Mascavage connected for two safeties in four trips to the plate.

	H.	R.	E.
South China	1	0	0
Cecil Winglee	0	1	2
Nelson Ma	1	0	1
Hal Winglee	0	0	1
Jimmy Chung	0	0	2
C. W. Ng	0	0	1
Harry Chinn	0	0	1
Pat Wong	0	0	1
David Lo	0	0	1
Ernie Moy	1	0	0
Paul Lau	0	0	0

	Totals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Innings	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Runs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Hits	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
U.S.S. Mindanao									
E. Wilson									
Ken Kennard									
Henry Ruel									
Lou Powlawski									
Tony Mascavage									
R. Wilson									
Bowersox									
Bob Strahl									
Gronck									
Moore									

	Totals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Innings	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	11
Runs	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	11	11
Hits	4	2	0	3	1	0	0	10	10

TO-DAY'S GAME

In order to ease the schedule, Hong Kong Baseballers and Royal Engineers have arranged to play off their second round fixture today at 5.15 p.m. at Railway Corner.

Umpires selected for this tilt are Hal Winglee, Stan Leonard and Nip Lum.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christy Mathewson once pitched 68 consecutive innings for the New York Giants without giving a base on balls.

Hong Kong Baseball Club is the only team in the League who are out in the field the shortest time, and on many occasions they are in position for fielding before their opponents have actually left the diamond.



U.S.S. Mindanao players all ready for the game against H. B. last Saturday. H. B., however, did not put in an appearance, following their notification to the Baseball League that they had only seven players, due to Volunteers, the calls of business and illness. Their request for a postponement was refused by the League and H. B. have now withdrawn from the League.

CEYLON SWIMMING TIMES NOT UP TO HONGKONG STANDARD

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR SWIMMING SEASON AT THE MOMENT, FOLLOWERS OF AQUATICS HERE WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CEYLON HAVE JUST BEEN CONCLUDED AND THAT FOUR NEW MARKS WERE SET UP IN THE COURSE OF THE MEET.

In the 220 Yards free-style, A. F. Arndt covered the distance in 2 mins. 40 secs. to set up a new record. This compares unfavourably with the Hong Kong record of 2 mins. 25 secs, which W. Lawrence established in 1935. The present holder of the Colony title in this event is Chan Chun-nam, whose time last year was 2 mins. 32 1/5 secs.

The new Ceylon record of 69 2/5 secs., by A. Fairweather for the 100 Yards back-stroke is also behind the Colony mark of 68 4/5 secs., set up by Lau Poh-wei in 1936. Present holder of the Colony title is A. K. Rumjahn, who was clocked at 70 secs. last year.

In view of the fact that the V.R.C. Swimming Committee have decided to introduce the 220 Yards breast-stroke event into the programme at the forthcoming Colony Championships, it is interesting to note that the Ceylon record for this distance is 2 mins. 52 secs., set by D. C. Ingleton, who equalled his own record at this meeting.

LEE WAI TONG WANTS TO PLAY FULL-BACK

Lee Wai-tong is anxious to play full-back for South China for a season, and if the competition of the champion team permits he will probably be seen in this position during the coming season.

Lee has played several games in this position, but only when his side was defeated owing to injuries. While on tour recently Lee played at left-back against United Services, when South China won by the only goal, and Lee says he thoroughly enjoyed that game.

The other record broken during the Ceylon Championships was in the 150 Yards back-stroke an event not included in the Colony Championships, when A. Fairweather covered the distance in 1 min. 52 1/5 secs.

Of particular interest to Hong Kong is the fact that Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon, and former Governor of Hong Kong, and Lady Caldecott were interested spectators at the Championships, and that Lady Caldecott distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the swimming.

California track enthusiasts, especially Stanford undergrads and alumni, are keenly interested in the news from Ohio State University that Jesse Owens is preparing himself for an attempt to lower Ben Eastman's world record of 46.4 for the 440 yards.

While recognising that this is a hard record to break, Californians will not be surprised if the triple-Olympic winner is successful, as opinion seems unanimous that he could lower the mark if he prepared himself properly for the event.

Mention of Owens brings to mind the incident during the broad jump competition at the Berlin Olympics which proved that the great Jesse has a keen sense of humour as well as remarkable athletic ability. At the end of the third round Jesse was in the lead with a distance of 23-0 1/2.

FINE FEATS BY CHINESE SWIMMERS

SOME BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES WERE WITNESSED AT THE SWIMMING TRIALS HELD AT CHINESE BATHING CLUB LAST SUNDAY.

Tsui Hang swam the best race, fully extending the renowned Ng Nin in the 50 Metres free-style, and being beaten by only a touch. In another heat Johnnie Tai, a newcomer from Residents' Association, put up a good show to beat veteran Robert Chan.

Charles Huang, also swam well, and returned the best time of 64-3/5 secs. for the 50 Metres free-style.

New Stroke Applied

A feature of the breast-stroke heats was that several swimmers, who used the old-stroke last year, adopted the new butterfly stroke to advantage. Ng Nin was easily the best, whilst Tsang Cheong-ming, Lai Tsun ace sprinter, also used the butterfly-stroke all the way to beat the former Colony champion, Enrique Chan, the latter employing the new stroke for the last 10 yards.

The leading Chinese back-strokers, Poon Wing-kai and Lau Yiu-ting, won their respective heats, though the former only just managed to beat Shek Kam-pui who missed a turn.

One Upset

The only upset in the Ladies' events was the surprising performance of Miss Ho Wai-king, who swam remarkably well to beat Miss Ko Miu-ling, the favourite, in the 50 Yards free-style.

Miss Lily Sadick and Lee Pulu won the back-stroke and breast-stroke events respectively.

RINK RESULTS AT HONG KONG F.C.

Following are the latest First Round results in the Rinks competition at Hong Kong Football Club:-

A. McAlpine, F. Anslow, B. I. Bickford and K. S. Robertson (skip) beat J. I. Barnes, K. Forrow, R. P. Shaw and J. A. R. Selby (skip).

C. J. Lodge, G. I. Shaw, G. E. Stephens and A. Brooksbank (skip) beat C. Carr, H. V. Pearce, H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington (skip).

A. Bailey, A. G. Gratton, A. Watson and W. Gill (skip) beat J. M. Thompson, J. Hempsey, S. Strange, and N. J. Bebbington (skip).

A. B. Coleman, J. Skinner, J. D. Thomson and L. de Rome (skip) beat G. Milne, C. B. Robertson, B. A. Mansell and C. F. Needham (skip).

KOWLOON C.C. RESULTS

Following are the results to date of games in the lawn bowls tournament of Kowloon Cricket Club:-

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Second Round:-R. S. Meadows received a walk-over from J. Coles; N. A. E. Mackay beat A. J. Kew; T. A. Madar beat A. H. Martin; A. E. P. Guest beat E. Curtis; A. E. Perry beat R. Leigh; H. Overy beat J. M. Jack.

TYRO COMPETITION
Second Round:-A. E. P. Guest beat S. A. Gray; F. A. Fabel beat E. Abraham.

HANDICAP SINGLES
First Round:-W. M. Gittins (plus 4) beat E. J. Spradbury (plus 6); N. A. E. Mackay (plus 2) beat E. Abraham (plus 12).

HANDICAP DOUBLES
Second Round:-J. W. Burman and N. A. E. Mackay (plus 5) beat C. J. Tatchell and A. Zimmermann (plus 8).

The first meeting of the new Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held to-day at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are the appointment of the Appeals Board, the Emergency, Referees and Grounds Committees, the election of the Hon. Secretary and consideration of the applications of new Clubs.

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Ben Hogan's wiry body allows him one of the most complete swinging arcs in the game; not only a wide backstroke but an extended follow-through. The result is distance, as much yardage in fact as much heavier pros. Despite his wide arc, Hogan is accurate and narrow fairways hold no terrors for him.

Much of Hogan's lashing stroke is directly attributable to his live wrists. Because of his complete windup, he must start unleashing his wrist cock sooner than the more abbreviated swinger. Yet so carefully has Hogan gauged the action, in the hitting area, that the final punch does not take place until impact is reached. The swing through is smooth, and Hogan makes no attempt to stop the club but allows the momentum to carry it well over this left shoulder as illustrated. Carrying the finish through in this fashion, while it can have no effect materially on the ball, does affect the way it is hit by giving the golfer a better mental picture to swing.



Next Article:-Gaining Left Quickly.



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MORRISS BREAKS CRICKET RECORDS AT AGE OF 20

G.\$750,000 FOR BUILDING A WINNING BASEBALL SIDE

ALTHOUGH IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY CONCEDED AMONGST THE MEN OF INFLUENCE IN BIG TIME BASEBALL THAT A PENNANT CANNOT BE BOUGHT THESE DAYS, BUT THAT A LEAGUE-WINNING TEAM HAS TO BE BUILT UP GRADUALLY, LELAND STANFORD McPHAIL, BROOKLYN, DOES NOT STOP TRYING. He tosses his club's money about like water in an effort to get together the pennant-winning team.

In four years he has spent something like G\$750,000 and this is how he managed it. He gave Cardinals G\$125,000 for Joe Medwick and Curt Davis; the Phillies G\$100,000 for Kirby Higbe and G\$90,000 for Dolph Camilli. Louisville collected G\$42,500 for Pee Wee Reese and the latest is G\$50,000 to the Cubs for Billy Herman.

Some Mistakes

In his anxiety to get together the ideal nine, McPhail has made, not unnaturally, some mistakes. For instance competent judges say that his G\$40,000 outfielder, Charley Gilbert, from Nashville, will never make a big league hitter.

Mel Almada, who cost him G\$25,000 in transfer, is stated to be not such a good proposition and several others, who cost a tidy bit in transfers, have not turned out as expected.

McPhail's intense and extensive operations paid rich dividends. He has a ball club with an excellent chance of winning Brooklyn's first pennant in 21 years. Dynamic, restless, aggressive, red-haired and freckled, Larry McPhail doesn't sit around and let baseball shuffle for itself with 40-year-old and outmoded methods.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

C.D.R.	v.	H.K.U.T.C.
A.T.C.	v.	C.C.C.
K.T.G.C.A.	v.	S.C.A.A.
K.C.C.	v.	I.R.C.
C.R.C. (2)	v.	K.I.T.C.
C.D.R.—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha	v.	H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha
F. J. Remedios and J. J. Remedios	v.	K.T.G.C.A.—L. Chen and D. Kwok
A. H. Basto and K. M. Lee	v.	S. Hsu and D. Chen
I.R.C.—M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail	v.	M. A. Wahab and M. Hassan
A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell	v.	S.C.A.A.—J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok
K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li	v.	K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong
K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain	v.	Mahan Singh and S. A. M. Sopher
M. Ramzan and K. S. Mehul	v.	C.C.C.—J. W. Leonard and W. K. Lee
W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo	v.	George Lai and A. Kitchell

S. Leonard and J. H. Xavier beat W. J. Curd and S. Solina respectively in the First Round of the Junior Singles Edwyn Bowls competition of Craggen-gower.

JOE DIMAGGIO MAKES BASEBALL HISTORY

Lean, swarthy Joe DiMaggio, greatest hitter in the major leagues to-day, reached his greatest pinnacle of fame on July 8, when he broke the 44-year-old record established by Willie Keeler, greatest of Brooklyn's all-time stars, for hitting in consecutive games.

Joe broke the record the hard way and in a blaze of glory that fans will long remember. Earlier in the game, Joe flashed one of Harold Newsome's offerings deep into the "outer gardens" but Stanley Spence "ratted" back and snagged the drive to stop Joe's drive for permanent fame.

LEUNG CHUNG-WAN TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Owing to pressure of work, Leung Chung-wan, who managed the South China football team so successfully last season, has tendered his resignation, although members of the team are requesting that he reconsider his decision.

Leung managed the team some years ago, and at the request of several of the older members of South China took over the management of the team last year, after most of the best players of the previous season had left them to join Sing Tao.

ENGINEERS WIN ARMY TENNIS TITLE

Royal Engineers won "A" Division of Army Tennis League when they beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery in their last game yesterday at Sookunpoo by three clear points.

Sappers dropped only four points during the competition and finished up five points ahead of their nearest challengers, the Financial Adviser's staff.

Following are the scores:
Lieut. Pearce and Sgt. Lewis (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to S/Sgt. Ford and S/Sgt. Megson, 1-6, 1-6, 3-6.
Sgt. Coughlan and Bdr. Mew (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Sgt. Denyer and Sgt. Elsie, 0-6, 5-7, 3-6.
Sgt. Morgan and Lieut. Clague (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Major D. C. E. Giese and S/Sgt. Mitchell, 4-6, 1-6, 3-6.

"B" Division Result

12th Coast Battery, R.A. beat Royal Army Service Corps "B" by three clear points in "B" Division of Army Tennis League.
Sgt. Scory and Sgt. Shilaw (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Pte. Ginnell and Pte. Turner, 7-9, 6-4, 6-3.
L. Bdr. Paine and Gnr. Robertson (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Cpl. Kim and Cpl. Gardner, 6-3, 6-1.
L. Bdr. Manard and Cpl. Hewitt (12th Battery, R.A.), beat L/Cpl. Haigh and Pte. Woodward, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.
Royal Engineers "B" received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals in this division.

Standings To Date

"A" DIVISION				
	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
R.E. "A"	27	23	4	23
F. A. Staff	27	18	9	18
R.A.M.C.	21	14	7	14
R.A.O.C.	18	12	6	12
5th A.A. Regt.	21	10	11	10
R.A.S.C.	21	9	12	9
Royal Signals	21	7	14	7
I.M.S.	21	6	15	6
R.A.P.C.	15	5	10	5
R.E. "B"	21	4	17	4
"B" DIVISION				
	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
12th. Battery	12	12	0	12
24th. Battery	12	12	0	12
R.A.O.C.	15	11	4	11
36th. Battery	15	10	5	10
5th. A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	9	6	3	6
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
R.A.M.C. "B"	6	3	3	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	9	3	3	3
95th. Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "B"	9	2	7	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

RECORDS AT AGE OF 20

During the past Australian cricket season, while the outstanding batsman was S. G. Barnes, who scored over a thousand runs and obtained six centuries, the most brilliant colt was Arthur Morris, who aggregated 890 runs and averaged 80.9 for 15 innings, writes "Onlooker" in the "Ceylon Observer."

Young Morris, who is a left-hander, made cricket history in his first appearance for New South Wales in a first-class match playing against Queensland in the Inter-State match last season. Morris scored a century in each innings. This is a feat without parallel in first-class cricket.

The feat of scoring a century in first-class cricket in one's first appearance is a rare one, but it has been performed 37 times.

In Wisden we find the name of F. C. de Saram of Ceylon in this select list. He scored 176 in his first appearance for Oxford University vs. Gloucestershire in 1934 at Oxford. Strange to say the first name on the list is that of another Ceylon born cricketer, F. H. Bacon, son of a former Warden of St. Thomas'. F. H. Bacon was born at Mutwal in 1869 and later played for Hampshire and was its Secretary.

Records Broken

Apart from Morris no Australian cricketer had ever before this scored a century in making his debut in first-class cricket. Morris' feat in scoring two centuries in his first match is phenomenal and is a world's record. He actually scored 148 and 111.

The critics described his batting as technically perfect and that he showed a genius in his strategy.

He never was uncertain or fumbled in his stroke play, and his cover drives and strokes to leg were perfect. In partnership with Cohen he put on over 200 for the first wicket, which is a record for N.S.W.-Queensland matches.

Morris who is not yet twenty, is a clerk in the Sydney Town Hall and uses his left hand in writing.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played last night in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament:

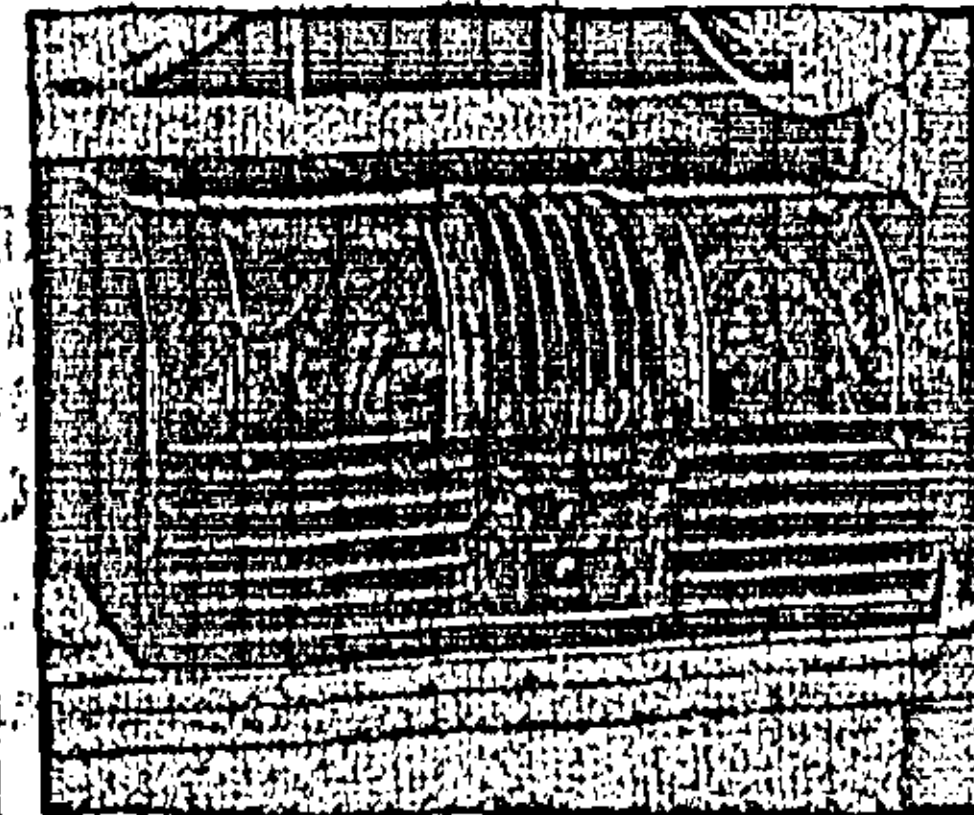
Navy	2	8th. R.A.	1
(Paul 2, Rutter 2, Halfyard and Hoare).		(Colthorpe).	
Y.M.C.A.	7	Middlesex "B"	0
(Benn 2, May 2, Booker 2, and Maynard).			
Y.M.C.A.	6	R. Scots "B"	2
(R. Goldman 3, Maynard, Roberts and May).		(Bankier and Glammer).	
Middlesex "A"	7	Combined Small Units	0
(Jennings 3, Dinnon 2 and Hymas 2).			
Signals	9	36th. R.A.	0
(Allen 5, Pitcher 2, Bennett and Hunt).			

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	13	13	0	0	72	0	20
Y.M.C.A.	14	12	2	0	70	10	24
Middlesex "A"	12	11	1	0	67	8	22
R. Navy "A"	12	0	3	0	62	28	38
R. Scots "A"	15	0	0	0	47	33	18
Combined Small Units	15	8	6	1	40	40	17
8th. R.A.	11	0	4	2	28	30	12
R. Navy "B"	13	5	0	2	32	41	12
Middlesex "B"	10	4	0	0	24	33	0
8th. A.A. Regt.	12	3	7	2	20	30	8
R. A.	10	5	5	1	12	40	5
R. Navy "B"	12	0	0	2	47	01	2
36th. Bty. R.A.	10	0	0	1	0	43	1
Royal Scots "B"	10	0	0	1	14	07	0
36th. Bty. R.A.	11	0	10	1	14	07	0

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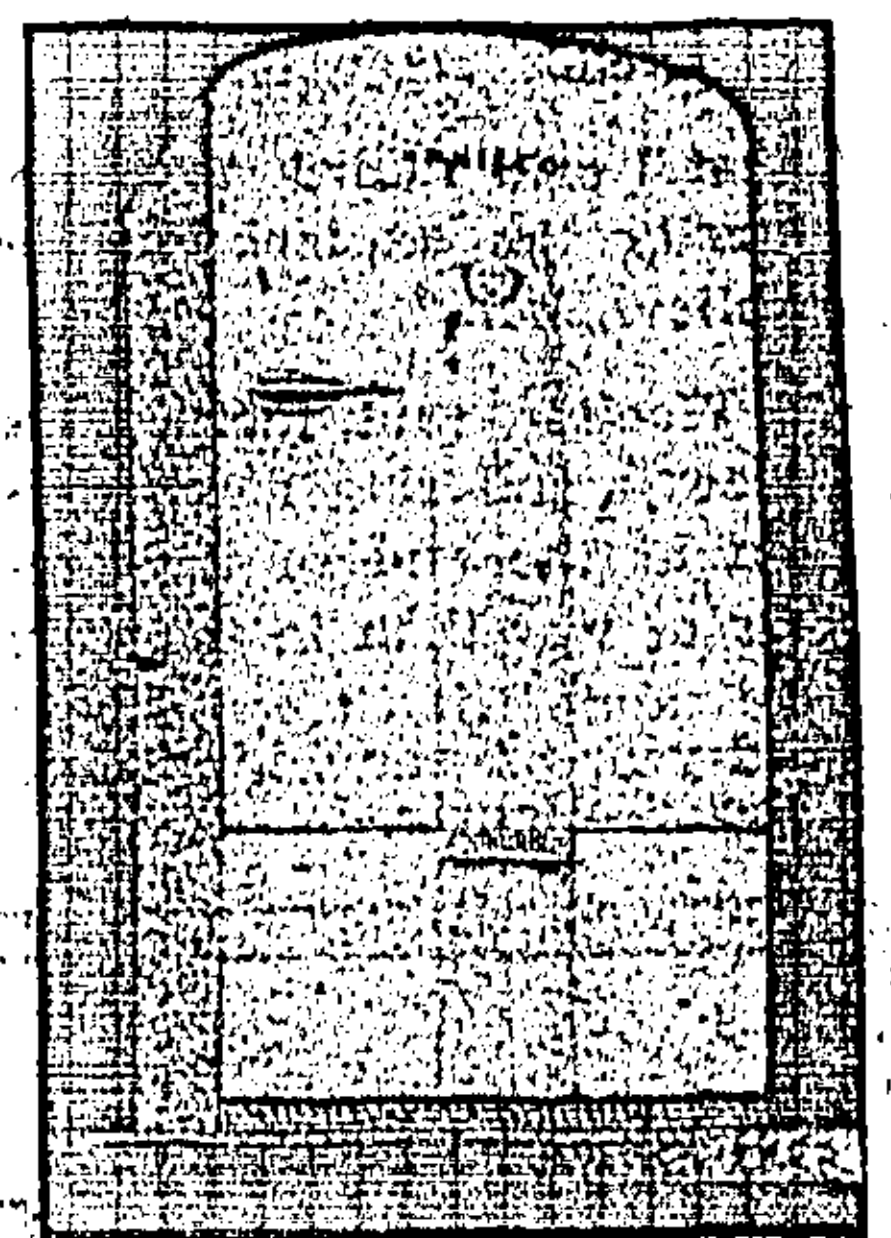
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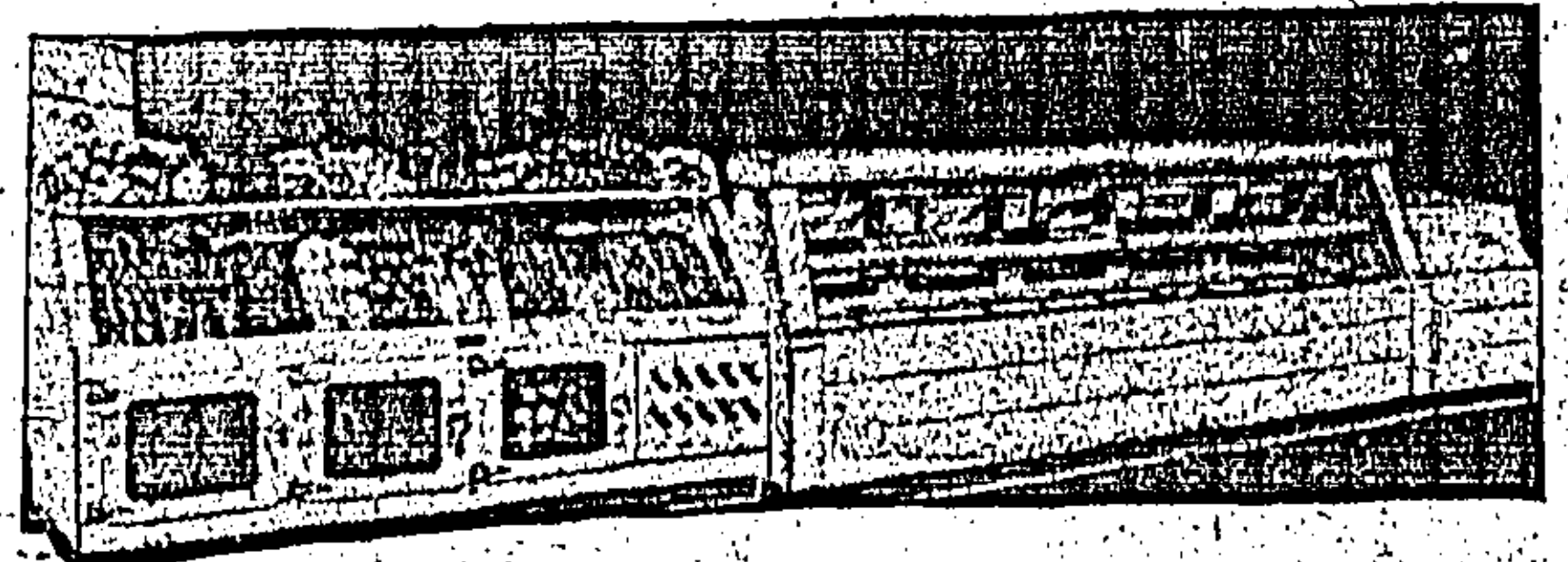
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BLITZ ATTACKS ON BREMEN AND HANOVER

Tons Of New Bombs Dropped On Both Areas

YELLOW BOOK VEIL LIFTED

Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, yesterday lifted the veil of secrecy which has hung over the yellow ration book issued in conjunction with the new edition of the ordinary ration book recently.

Hitherto the purpose of this yellow book had been unknown to the general public.

Lord Woolton told the House of Lords that America was going to provide Britain with a greater variety in diet but these new foodstuffs would have to be equally distributed.

"That," said Lord Woolton, "is partly the explanation for the yellow book."

Lord Woolton said there were fewer people suffering from malnutrition at the end of the second year of war than in the days of peace, and Britain could face the third year of war with "much confidence."—Reuter.

Terrific Effects Of Explosions

INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN BREMEN AND HANOVER WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED BY R.A.F. BOMBERS ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many tons of high explosive and thousands of incendiaries were dropped on both cities.

Extensive fires were started and considerable damage done in the docks at Bremen and among industrial buildings in Hanover.

Several other targets in north-western Germany were also bombed.

A small force of aircraft attacked the docks at Rotterdam.

Five British aircraft are missing.

It is now known that during the operations on Sunday night an enemy fighter was shot down by one of the British bombers.

Immense Flashes

Pilots who dropped Britain's most powerful bombs during Monday night's attack on north-west Germany report they exploded with "immense flashes," states the Air Ministry news service.

AT HANOVER, THE DESTRUCTION AND BLAST CAUSED BY THESE SHATTERING WEAPONS MUST HAVE BEEN

SPREAD OVER A GREAT AREA.

Both at Hanover, and among the docks at Bremen, there were raging fires.

There was a vicious barrage through which the British bombers had to pass but, with shrapnel bursting round them and even when hit by fighting fragments, they kept a straight course over the target.—Reuter.

FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGING

(Continued from Page 1)

"In Novograd-Volinsk, our troops are counteracting the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastwards and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation. The oil fields at Ploesti, Sulina and Tulcea were bombed by Soviet aircraft.

"Fifty-two German planes were destroyed on July 14, Soviet losses were 24."—Reuter.

Ploesti Bombed

A Soviet High Command communique broadcast by Moscow radio states: "During the night of July 14, stubborn fighting continued in the north-western and western directions of the front.

"In other directions and sectors of the front no important fighting took place and no substantial changes occurred in the position of the troops.

"Our air force during the night of July 14 bombed mechanised units of the enemy and raided the refineries and oil fields of Ploesti (Rumania)."—Reuter.

Vain Endeavours

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "IN THE VITEBSK AREA, THERE WAS FIERCE FIGHTING ALL DAY LONG AGAINST MOTORISED AND MECHANISED ENEMY UNITS WHICH MADE A VAIN ENDEAVOUR TO PENETRATE TO THE EAST. FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

"In the Novograd-Volinsk direction our troops have been fighting stubbornly, counteracting enemy attempts to penetrate eastwards and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation.

"Our aircraft on July 15 has been operating against enemy motorised and mechanised units, has destroyed enemy aircraft on their aerodromes, and bombed the oil district of Ploesti, warehouses in Sulina and transports in the district of Tulcea.

Riga Incident

"A Soviet destroyer in the Gulf of Riga was attacked by enemy planes. A.A. fire destroyed and brought down two enemy planes and the destroyer came out of the encounter unscathed.

"Soviet trawlers in the Gulf of Finland saw an enemy submarine, when crossing a mine-field, destroyed.

"In an encounter with four enemy fighters two Soviet sea-planers brought down two of the enemy aircraft. One Soviet plane was brought down."—Reuter.

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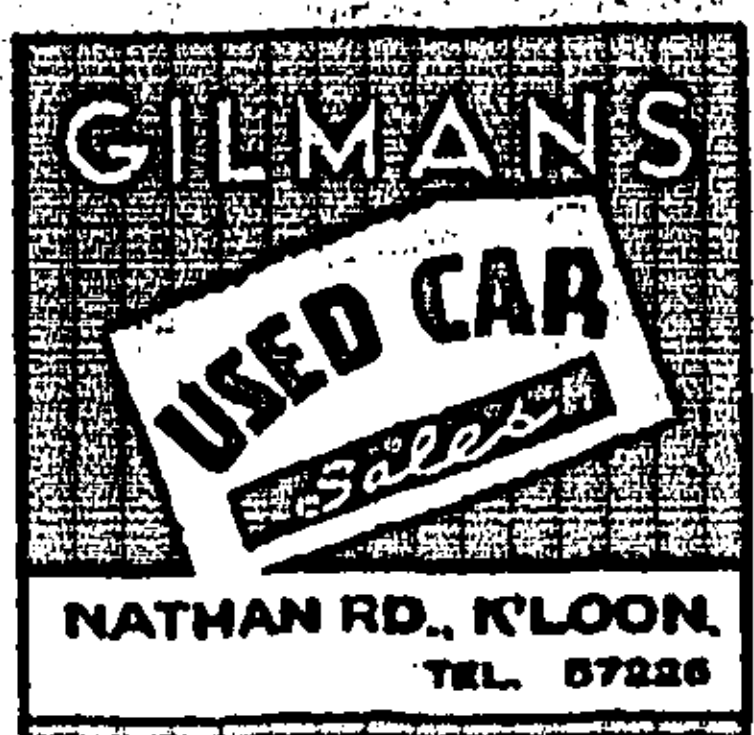
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Panzer Attack At A Standstill

SOVIET MINES

Laid In Area Off Kamchatka

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
With the observation: "It does not appear pleasant to us," the official Japanese spokesman in Tokyo yesterday revealed the Russian mining of the sea off Kamchatka.

HE SAID JAPAN HAD BEEN ADVISED OFFICIALLY OF THE MINING OF SPECIFIED WATERS, WHICH WERE NOW DANGEROUS TO SHIPPING.

Moscow explains the necessity of mining owing to the possible presence of German raiders off the Siberian coast.

The Japanese spokesman commented: "I cannot imagine any sort of German warship in the Sea of Japan."

Asked to comment on the status of the Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact, the spokesman said: "It still stands."—International News Service.

HITLER WOULD LIKE TO MEET HESS AGAIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A German proposal, made through the United States, to exchange Rudolf Hess for Sir Lancelot Oliphant, former British envoy to Belgium, now held in Germany, was rejected by the Foreign Office.

It is stated Britain "would not exchange Hess for anyone." — International News Service.

SISAL HEMP FOR CAMOUFLAGE

The Madras Presidency has begun to manufacture camouflage nets from sisal hemp, which will not only meet an essential war need but will also help growers of the fibre.—Reuter.

Red Central Army Opens Major Offensive

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WHILE THE NAZIS CONTINUE TO ISSUE FANTASTIC AND COMPLETELY UNCONFIRMED CLAIMS OF FURTHER SUCCESSES AGAINST THE RUSSIAN ARMIES, MOSCOW, IN AN OFFICIAL HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE, ANNOUNCES THAT THE RED CENTRAL ARMY HAS OPENED A MAJOR OFFENSIVE.

The counter-attack, which was launched after the Nazi panzers had been brought to a standstill, mainly owing to the Red Air Force, which has been attacking the mechanised and armoured columns ceaselessly, is reported to have pushed the enemy back 19 miles in the Rogachev sector.

Meanwhile heavy fighting is continuing on the Leningrad front and on the battleground between Vitebsk and Mogilev, where the Germans are trying to resume the drive against Moscow.

Berlin quarters claim the Russian counter-offensive has failed between Zhitomir and Berdichev in the Ukraine, resulting in the "almost complete annihilation" of the Russian forces "trying to break out of the German iron ring and flee to the westward."

The German High Command also alleges that desperate Russian counter-attacks to relieve Kiev have been repulsed "with heavy losses," after the panzers threatened to encircle Kiev.

Fleets Of Tanks

The Germans admit that "fleets" of Russian tanks were thrown into battle against the German advance, and that a fierce battle has been raging since Sunday.

Hundreds of tanks have been destroyed, it is stated in Berlin.

The Russians on this front are said to be using giant 70-ton mechanical monsters, carrying 6-inch guns.

Japanese "Warning"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bluntly warning that Britain and the United States may incite Soviet Russia, the "Taishu Shimpo," Japanese army mouthpiece in Shanghai, advocated that Japan does not forget to take precautions on the northern front.

The paper expressed the opinion that the Anglo-Soviet Pact is useless practically. — International News Service.

EARLY GERMAN RUPTURE WITH U.S. PREDICTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berlin is expected to break off diplomatic relations with the United States within 48 hours, the London "Daily Express" reported from Stockholm yesterday. — International News Service.

NYE GOES HUNTING NIGGER IN THE WOODPILE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SENATOR GERALD NYE, member of the Foreign Relations Committee, declared in Washington yesterday that the official silence towards the Far East situation "indicates the Administration has reached a secret non-aggression understanding with Japan."

Senator Nye asserted the Administration was concentrating on obtaining bases in the Atlantic and seemed to have "forgotten the Pacific, leading to the conclusion that the Administration has lost its fear of Japan."

"Secret diplomatic conversations," Senator Nye alleged, "have resulted in an agreement that the status quo be maintained as long as possible."

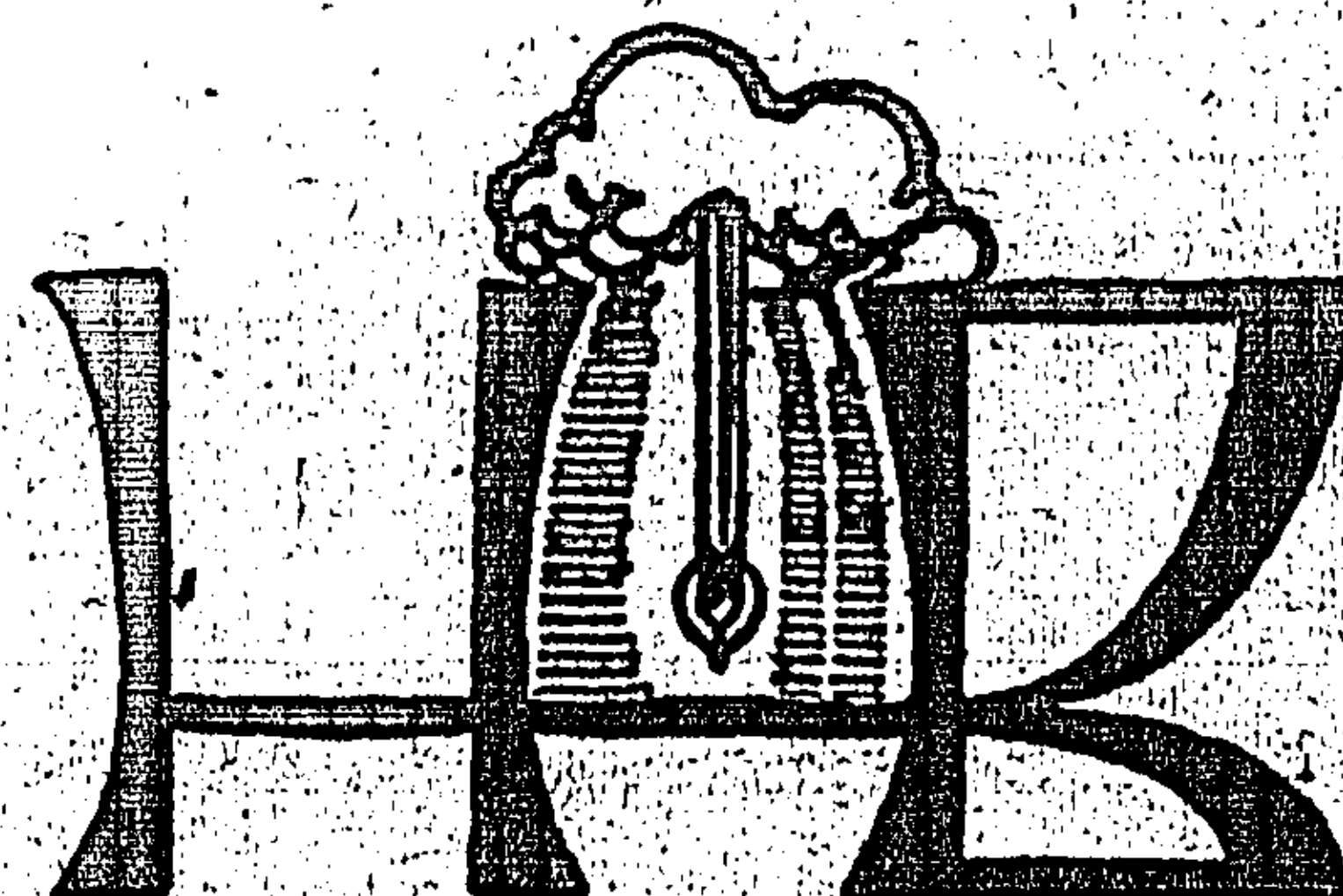
HE POINTED TO AMERICAN SHIPMENTS OF OIL AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO JAPAN, DESCRIBING THESE AS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT AN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED.

Senator Nye said it was

"strange that the Administration keeps silence," and said he would like to know if Britain has a bearing on the present Far East policy.

Earlier, Senator Burton K. Wheeler had claimed that Mr. Churchill was now dictating "The State Department policy," saying: "The State Department might just as well operate from London." — International News Service.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

DIFFERENT CHINA AFTER THE WAR

SHIPPING STAYING POWER

The details of shipping losses issued by the Admiralty allow the assumption that Hitler cannot but be disappointed with the results so far of his maximum effort against shipping this year.

The total, which is the lowest since January, is 79 ships of 329,296 tons—British 52 ships of 228,284 tons, Allied 19 ships of 82,727 tons and neutral eight ships of 18,284 tons.

The number of British ships sunk is the lowest for any month since June, 1940, except last January.

Corrections to the previous figures increase the total by 86,000 tons, making the total for the war—British, Allied and neutral—1,738 ships, 7,118,122 tons.

British staying power should give encouragement—not only the wonderful staying power of merchant seamen but the constant increase in escorting vessels which return to service and also of damaged tonnage and some improvement in the turn round of ships.

The increasing enemy shipping losses are due to the fact he must use sea transport for coastal traffic thus providing more targets for the Navy and R.A.F.

The more the R.A.F. interrupts railway communications by bombing the more he must resort to the sea.

The enemy's losses of ships on passage between Libya, Italy and elsewhere in the Mediterranean have been heavy and he must be beginning to feel anxious about the shipping position in this theatre of war.

Fantastic Claims

The Admiralty stated it is not proposed to continue to publish shipping losses at regular intervals because valuable information is thus given the enemy. From time to time the Admiralty will, however, consider the publication of shipping losses as required.

It is pointed out authoritatively in explanation of this decision that the enemy has gone further and further afield in the effort to find new hunting grounds for ships and continues to make just as fantastic claims as ever in hopes of finding out what really happened, as the reports of U-boats and airmen necessarily are inconclusive.

Hitherto the regular publication of figures had given him a monthly check and it is not intended to do this in future.—British Wireless.

GERMAN REICH 'INDICTED'

THE GERMAN REICH WAS YESTERDAY NAMED AS CO-CONSPIRATOR IN AN INDICTMENT AGAINST 33 PERSONS ARRESTED IN JUNE IN THE BIGGEST SINGLE ROUND-UP OF SPY SUSPECTS IN THE UNITED STATES SINCE THE PASSAGE OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT IN 1917.

The indictment says: "Defendants conspired with each other and the Government of the German Reich and others."

Defendants have been ordered to stand their trial in September.—Reuter.

Justified Claim To Equality

"WHAT SORT OF A CHINA are we to expect at the end of the war?" asked Brig.-Gen. C. R. Woodroffe, Chairman of the China Association, at the annual meeting in London yesterday.

"We all assume ours to be the winning side and few would deny that our side includes China. Hence China after the war will be a victorious China which will be able justifiably to claim she helped us as much as, if not more, than we helped her."

"Is it conceivable that such a China would either be offered or would accept any status other than of equality?"

Alluding to the many signs that Japan intended soon to make a fresh move, probably southward, Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed the opinion she would have made it earlier but for prolonged resistance by China.

If she did so Britain and China would become more than collaborators in the fight against aggression, they would be ranged together against the common enemy.

Changes

The British Government in bygone times, he said, appeared to take little account of Chinese feelings, but he drew attention to the statements in the Commons by Mr. Churchill on June 18, 1940, and by Mr. Eden on June 11 this year, pledging revision of the Chinese treaties on a basis of reciprocity and equality.

Brig.-Gen. Woodroffe expressed confidence that British interests thereby affected would be kept in view but considered it not too early for those interests to prepare for changes which must occur.—Reuter.

RABAT PLOT" ALLEGED

A Free French plot has been discovered at Rabat, the German radio announced yesterday quoting a message from Tangier.

More than 20, including an official of the French Chamber of Commerce at Tangier, have been arrested, it was stated.

The police discovered a large amount of propaganda material which will form part of the evidence against those arrested. They will be charged in court with having connived at the desertion of Frenchmen to join General de Gaulle's army and with having made arrangements for obtaining recruits for a foreign army.—Reuter.

CALL TO IRAQI YOUTH

A CALL TO THE YOUTH OF IRAQ AND THE WHOLE ARAB WORLD TO UNITE, WAS MADE BY EMIR ABDUL ILLAL, REGENT OF IRAQ, BROADCASTING YESTERDAY.

The Iraqi Government, he said, was vigilantly watching over the independence and interests of the country, and the efforts of foreign powers to attain their wicked aims had been completely frustrated.—Reuter.

ECONOMIC POOLING IN N. AMERICA

A group of Canadian and American officials and economists is to begin pooling ideas to-day regarding the joint economic programme for the U.S. and Canada suggested in the "Hyde Park declaration" of Mr. Mackenzie King, Canadian Premier, and President Roosevelt.

The Canadian section of the joint economic committee arrived in New York yesterday to open a two-day initial session with the American branch.

The joint committee, the spokesman of the Canadians explained, had been created primarily to study, firstly ways in which defence efforts can be more effective through cooperation and interchange of materials and, secondly, a long-range programme that might tend to forestall, or at least lighten, Canadian-American post-war maladjustments.—Reuter.

Petain's Overseas Week

Marshal Petain inaugurated "France Overseas" Week in a short broadcast relayed by Lyons Radio last night.

Referring to compatriots of the Empire, "whose loyalty and work have enabled the wounded motherland to undertake her recovery," and to the native populations who have "preserved their confidence in the great nation which has always loved and protected them," Marshal Petain insisted on the unity of the French Empire.

He said: "In spite of the cruel disappointments all have united round the flag to defend the unity of the Empire and the sacred ties that bind it to the mother country."

Marshal Petain made no specific reference to developments in Syria.—Reuter.

MIDDLE EAST AIR ACTIVITY

Bomber aircraft of the R.A.F. in the Middle East yesterday carried out an attack on the aerodrome at Zuara in Tripolitania, says an R.A.F. communique issued in Cairo.

Bombs were seen to hit the aerodrome buildings and a number of enemy transport aircraft on the ground were damaged by machine-gun fire.

One Junkers 52 was set on fire. During the night of July 13-14, heavy bombers raided Bardia and Benghazi, causing a number of explosions and fires.

A Junkers 88 and a Savoia 79 were shot down by our aircraft in the Western Desert during recent operations.

In Syria, our fighters attacked and severely damaged a Savoia 79 which approached the Syrian coast yesterday. The enemy aircraft was seen out at sea, emitting clouds of black smoke and appeared unlikely to reach its base.

All our aircraft returned safely from these operations.—Reuter.

MESSINA BOMBED BY R.A.F.

The Italian port of Messina was raided on Monday night, according to a Rome communique.

R.A.F. raids on Benghazi, Derna, Bardia and the Gendar area of Abyssinia are also admitted.

The communique claims British attacks at Sollum and Tobruk were repulsed.—Reuter.

U.S. MISSION IN GIB.

THE SITUATION IN THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCES BETWEEN GENERAL LORD GORT, GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF GIBALTAR, AND A U.S. GOVERNMENT MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The mission has now proceeded onwards to England after a three-days stay.

The mission flew to the Middle East and remained there five weeks.

It was headed by Mr. W. G. Harriman and other members, Brigadier-General R. Boyce, of the U.S. army air force, and Col. A. Green, a tank expert.—Reuter.

NEW VERSION OF HITLER-GOERING CONFLICT

NEW LIGHT UPON the reported Hitler-Goering rift over the invasion of the Soviet Union is thrown by a Buenos Aires mailed despatch to the New York "Daily News," which, according to that newspaper, was posted some four days before the Soviet radio broadcast the report.

Goering is confined to his home and many generals have been moved because they share his opposition to the Nazi attack on the U.S.S.R., states the despatch.

The report, it added, comes from sources in close touch with three representatives of German heavy industries who recently arrived in Buenos Aires.

These men, one of whom is representing Goering's Steel Trust, are reported to be emissaries of the Reichswehr generals who, it is stated, are aligning themselves with heavy industry in the same fashion as Hitler did late in 1920.

They are reported to have said that when Hitler told his generals that he had decided to attack the Soviet Union, he was shocked on learning that his General Staff was unanimously opposed to such a venture.

Goering, adds the despatch, made a counter-proposal that demands should be made in Moscow for the delivery to Germany of the economic direction of the Ukraine and the Caucasus, while General Reichenau is said to have expressed the opinion that such a campaign would become a war of attrition in which Germany and the Soviet would eventually be exhausted.

Hitler's Rage

Hitler flew into a rage, according to the German representatives quoted in the despatch, and Gen-

erals Brauchitsch and Keitel came to his defence while Generals List, Stuehnagel and Falkenhorst opposed.

As a result, the despatch adds, Hitler is proceeding cautiously with a bloodless purge.

HE HAS CONFINED GOERING TO HIS HOME WITH A CHOICE OF OPENLY AFFIRMING HIS LOYALTY TO THE FUHRER IN A BROADCAST TO THE GERMAN PEOPLE OR BEING SENT TO A SANATORIUM.

In addition, the despatch says, the generals opposing the invasion of the Soviet Union have been shifted so that they will take little part in the campaign.—Reuter.

SUICIDE FROM TSUN WAN FERRY

Travelling on a ferry launch from Tsun Wan to Hong Kong yesterday, a 30-year-old Chinese passenger jumped off the vessel and was drowned. The incident occurred off Tsing I Island at 3 p.m. The boat was stopped and a search was made but the body could not be found.

NAZI ANTI-AMERICAN TACTICS

Naval Action Order Attributed To Roosevelt

Attempt To Stir Up Isolationists

THE QUESTION of whether the United States is going formally into the war now on the side of Britain and Russia, has suddenly become the centre of interest in Germany, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Zurich "National Zeitung."

A sensation has been caused, he says, by the prominent publication there of a report from a pro-Axis Swedish paper suggesting that President Roosevelt intends to push his hostility to Germany to extremes and has therefore ordered the American fleet to fire without warning on Axis ships.

Authoritative sources in Berlin declared, continues the correspondent, that "after careful examination of the circumstances, the report can be regarded as perfectly accurate and authentic."

The German newspapers at the same time publish attacks on the President for, as they allege, "preparing to stab Europe in the back" during its struggle against the Bolsheviks. Political observers suggest that this latest propaganda outburst has been launched.

Firstly, in order to stir up the American isolationists,

Secondly, in order to impress Japan, and,

Thirdly, in order to inspire the German public to fresh exertions in the face of American "intervention."—Reuter.

Doubling Army's Strength

The House of Representatives appropriations committee in Washington has approved the sum of \$4,770,000,000 for the Army, approximately doubling its strength.

Ranking Army officers say the money will buy every kind of equipment, small arms, clothing, personal supplies and machine-guns.

They point out the appropriation does not visualise the immediate need of such a force but stress the psychological effect of this preparedness on possible enemies, adding that in a year or so the U.S. Army will be ready to throw into action a force strong enough to contend with any power.—International News Service.

NO BOMBS ON BRITAIN YESTERDAY

An Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communique states: "Early yesterday afternoon a single enemy aircraft flew over South Wales and West England but apart from this there is nothing to report."

Up to 8 p.m. there were no reports of any bombs having been dropped.—British Wireless.

SOUTH AMERICAN GESTURE

Photographs appeared in London newspapers last night of General Bilbao and officers of the South American air mission to Britain placing a wreath upon the R.A.F. Memorial on the Thames Embankment.—British Wireless.

TOBRUK SORTIES

A communique issued by G.H.Q. in the Middle East yesterday stated that offensive patrols from the British forces on Tobruk have been active.

In a recent hand-to-hand encounter the British captured prisoners and many casualties were inflicted on the enemy, who were surprised in their positions.

So successful was one of these raids that it was incorrectly described in an enemy communique as a serious attempt to break out of Tobruk. Abyssinia—no change.

Syria—action is now in progress to give effect to the terms of the convention signed on Monday.—Reuter.

PREMIER MEETS U.S. NURSES

"Thank God you are safe and thanks for the generous impulses which brought you all over here," the Prime Minister declared when at 10 Downing Street he received 15 American Red Cross nurses among whom were 11 survivors of the torpedoed ship Maasdam.

Mr. Churchill was accompanied by Mr. Winant, U.S. Ambassador.

The party of nurses was headed by Dr. John E. Gordon, Director of the Harvard Red Cross field unit, a full American hospital which will shortly be completed in the south-west of England.—British Wireless.

U.S. DEAL WITH MEXICO

As part of its programme to build up vital defence supplies, the United States has guaranteed to buy from Mexico all its exportable surplus of strategic materials which are not sold to private industries in the Western Hemisphere during the next eighteen months.

This has been announced by Mr. Jesse Jones, the Federal Loan Administrator.

The Mexican Government has decreed that these commodities may be exported only to points within the Hemisphere.—Reuter.

WARNING BY GENERAL MARSHALL

Testimony on Iceland by General George Marshall, Chief of the U.S. Army Staff, before the Senate Military Committee, on July 9 was revealed in Washington yesterday.

Supporting the legislation permitting the retention of selectees and National Guardsmen for more than a year, General Marshall said that specially trained Army units, instead of Marines, should have occupied Iceland but were prevented because of the difficulties of the single year service rule.

General Marshall testified that "unless the one year limit is removed, our present trained forces will largely melt away."

HE DENIED HE PLANNED AN "EXPEDITIONARY FORCE" AND CALLED ATTENTION TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DECLARATION OF THE NATION'S EMERGENCY, ADDING:

"I personally believe it urgent, necessary in the public interest for the committee to declare the existence of the nation's emergency."—Reuter.

PRESIDENT SUPPORTING ARMY'S DEMAND

A FORMAL WARNING that President Roosevelt favoured retention in the Army of National Guardsmen, Reserve Officers and draftees beyond the 12 months' period originally prescribed, was given Congress in Washington yesterday by the Under-Secretary of War, Mr. Patterson.

He said the President also desired the removal of the 900,000 limit on the number of draftees who came in service at any one time.

In a letter to the Speaker, Mr. Rayburn, Mr. Patterson said that legislation to accomplish these objects had President Roosevelt's approval.

"The sequence of German conquests which continued without interruption from Austria to Russia have been based on the anticipated failure of the countries concerned to be properly prepared against invasion," Mr. Patterson wrote.

"In each case they launched an overwhelming force against an unprepared army. We cannot speculate with the security of this nation."

In view of known events of the past year, particularly of the last few months, Mr. Patterson added, demobilisation of the army now would be to "court disaster."—Reuter.

Army At Stake

President Roosevelt declared at his press conference yesterday that the "disintegration of the Army was at stake" and Congress would not be breaking faith if it let the Army keep selectees and National Guardsmen in service over a year.

He said the original Selective Service Act contained a proviso that draftees were retainable for service through the declaration of a national emergency by Congress or by amendment of the law.

PORTUGAL REINFORCING THE AZORES

More and more Portuguese troops are being sent at intervals to the Azores to reinforce the garrison there.

Before a contingent embarked in Lisbon yesterday morning it was drawn up in the largest square in the city, where new colours were presented to one infantry battalion recently mentioned in general orders.—Reuter.

DR. KU MENG YU'S NEW POST

One of the highest posts in educational circles was given Dr. Ku Meng-yu, veteran statesman and scholar, when he was appointed yesterday by the Executive Yuan as Chancellor of the National Central University, succeeding Dr. Lo Chia-luen.—Central News.

AXIS CHANGE OF PLAN

An appeal to Australian communists and left-wing supporters to give their wholehearted support to the Federal Government as Soviet workers are supporting theirs, was made by Mr. Hughes, the Navy Minister in a Sydney broadcast last night.

The Empire, he said, was taking full advantage of the Heaven-sent opportunity to smite Germany.

A month ago, the mighty Nazi war machine was poised to attack Suez and the Axis partner might simultaneously have attacked Singapore.

All had been arranged, he declared, adding that the scene had now changed.

Mr. Hughes castigated that small section of "the very nicest people" who suspected and distrusted the British-Soviet Pact.

"They would rather Nazism won than that the Soviet should help to save us from Nazi domination. God save us from such narrow-minded and treacherous counsels. I welcome the alliance with this great Power with unbounded satisfaction."—Reuter.

PETROL MONOPOLY

The Australian Government has decided to take full control, under the National Security Act, of the importation, storage and distribution of petrol, supplanting the petrol cartel.

The Premier, Mr. Menzies, in a statement yesterday, said Government was asking the British and American authorities for more tankers and it would not abate its efforts until stocks were assured.

The recent decrease in the motorist's ration was helping to build up stocks, but Government was not satisfied merely to impose more sacrifices on the people.—Reuter.

COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA

THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. HSU MO AS CHINESE MINISTER TO AUSTRALIA IS REGARDED IN CHINESE CIRCLES IN LONDON AS A SPECIAL COMPLIMENT TO AUSTRALIA.

Passing early into the Chinese diplomatic service, Mr. Hsu Mo is regarded as one of the ablest men in the service. As he really is of ambassadorial rank, it is evident that in sending him in an administrative post, China wished to show she was sending a man of the highest standing to Australia.—Reuter.

THREE AIR ALARMS AT MALTA

It is officially announced that three air raid alarms were sounded in Malta on Monday night when a number of enemy aircraft raided the island.

Bombs were dropped, causing some civilian damage but no casualties. There were no Service casualties or damage.—Reuter.

NAZI PEACE "WAR"

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, PRAISED AND CORROBORATED MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S STATEMENTS THAT HITLER AGENTS WERE SEEKING TO PROMOTE PEACE PROPOSALS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Welles said reports of the proposals had been reaching him occasionally but he emphasised they were not official proposals to the United States Government. Mr. Stephen Early, President Roosevelt's secretary, told his press conference yesterday: "There is no Hitler peace proposal officially before this Government."—Reuter.

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TWENTY-TWO SYRIA CONVENTION CLAUSES

UNDER THE TERMS of the Syrian armistice, published in Vichy at noon yesterday, French troops and French nationals will be repatriated in French ships.

There are 22 points in the agreement, as follow:—

1. Hostilities ended on July 11 at 9.01 p.m. (G.M.T.) and the Allied forces will occupy the territories of Syria and Lebanon.
2. The French forces will be concentrated in certain zones to be fixed by the commission before noon to-day at which hour the Allied forces will start to occupy certain strategic points.

Until their repatriation the French troops will remain in their positions with reduced officers and strength and under French command.

3. The occupation of the principal localities will be carried out so as to permit the immediate replacement of the French troops by the forces of occupation.

4. Minefields at sea and on land will be notified to the occupation authorities.

5. The honours of war are to be rendered to the French forces which will be withdrawn with their transport, including guns, machine-guns, tanks and munitions.

Release Of Prisoners

6. French officers, N.C.O.'s and soldiers are authorised to keep their individual arms. Soldiers will not keep any ammunition.

All other war material's will be stocked under the control of the British authorities who will have the right to earmark material which it is considered necessary to destroy. This will be done by the French under the supervision of the British authorities.

7. Prisoners belonging to the Allied forces will be released immediately. French prisoners will be released when the whole Syrian and Lebanon territories have been occupied and the armistice terms fulfilled.

8. The choice whether to join the Allied cause or be repatriated will be left to each individual.

9. Certain officials and special service officers will remain at their posts to ensure continuity in administration until they can be replaced.

Monetary Possessions

10. The British authorities agree to the repatriation of French troops and nationals by French sea transports.

11. The monetary possessions of repatriated French will be transferred under authorities to be established.

12. French labour rights will be respected.

13. The managements of public services will be handed over intact.

Points 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 provide that means of communications, harbour installations, aircraft and air installations, stocks of petrol, money and other means of payment in circulation or in reserve in banks, shall not be destroyed or otherwise disposed of.

Levant Troops

19. The British military authorities reserve the right to take into their service, special Levant troops as and when they are discharged by the French authorities.

20. The British authorities shall take no action against Syrians and Lebanese who took part in a military or administrative capacity in the recent hostilities.

21. Execution of the present agreement will be regulated and supervised by a commission of control which will have its seat at Beyrouth and will be composed of five members, three appointed by the British and two by the French.

22. The present agreement will be drawn up in English and French and, in case of disagreement, the English text shall be binding.—Reuter.

NAZI COMMENT ON SYRIA

"With the reaching of the armistice agreement in Syria a campaign of the British Army comes to a conclusion with which not Berlin but Vichy will have to deal more closely," a Wilhelmstrasse statement said last night.

The statement adds: "The end of the battle for Syria does not prove that France is not in a position to defend her colonies."

Berlin political circles, adds the German news agency, said it was a matter of course that "certain lessons have been learned from the case of Syria. Whether by Germany or by both is a matter that is left open."—Reuter.

STRIKE TROUBLES OVER

THERE IS NOT A SINGLE STRIKE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT IS TROUBLING THE OFFICE OF PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE WHICH IS INVESTIGATING MIGRATORY LABOUR WAS TOLD YESTERDAY BY MR. SIDNEY HILLMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE.

He said that American production was greater than that of the totalitarian States.

"The weakness of the totalitarian system is the loss of workers' cooperation," he declared, adding that there are now 2,700,000 persons employed in defence industries, compared with 400,000 a year ago.

He estimated that the figure would be 5,700,000 a year hence.—Reuter.

HARBOUR MYSTERY

The bodies of two middle-aged Chinese women, tied together with cord by the left and right wrists, were found floating in the harbour near Mongkok yesterday. They were removed to the Kowloon Mortuary. The theory is that they were victims of a suicide pact.

MODERATE DEMANDS ON VICHY

The Syrian armistice, it is generally felt in Jerusalem, is an extremely moderate one which goes no further than necessary to achieve the objects with which the Allies started the campaign.

These were to put an end to German infiltration and the use of Syrian air bases by German aircraft and ensure that Syria should resume the place she held prior to the collapse of France as a strategic bulwark of the Allies in the eastern Mediterranean.

Satisfaction is expressed in Jerusalem that the full honours of war have been accorded to the French in view of the courageous and skilful fight they made—however misguided, from the Allied viewpoint, their action may have been.

It is noted that the terms of the armistice permit soldiers and civilians to choose between rallying to the Allied cause or being repatriated.

The hope is expressed that many will choose the former now that they are free from Nazi influence and propaganda, which reached such a pitch that some of the captured Vichy troops stated they were under the impression they were fighting the Italians.—Reuter.

FREE FRENCH TAKE PART IN DISCUSSION

In addition to the terms signed between General Wilson and General de Verdillac, a second document was published in Cairo yesterday containing terms offered by the British and General de Gaulle to General Dentz through the U.S. consul-general in Beirut.

This contained the principle on which the terms were accepted by General Dentz but originally he made one reservation, namely that he would only negotiate with the British authorities.

He was informed by the British Commander-in-Chief that they could not accept such conditions and therefore hostilities would continue unless the representatives presented themselves without such conditions. They did present themselves next morning and General Catroux, on behalf of General de Gaulle, took part in the negotiations and the final terms as signed have his full approval.—Reuter.

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Bombing of H.B.M. Embassy

The bombing of a British Embassy — an apology from the perpetrators and another bombing — were disclosed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, answering a question in the Commons yesterday.

The Embassy was at Chungking. It was bombed three times during June and a number of people injured.

In response to representations the Japanese Minister of Marine on July 1 expressed regret and declared the attack was unintentional.

On July 8 another serious attack occurred when the destruction of the Embassy was completed, although without casualties.

The British Ambassador in Tokyo accordingly presented a vigorous Note of protest supported by further oral representations.

The Japanese Vice-Minister expressed great regret and promised to make investigations.—Reuter.

VOLUNTEER FINED FOR IGNORING AN ORDER

AT THE INSTANCE of Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, W. B. J. Bainbridge, a member of the Corps, connected with the Dairy Farm Company's Nathan Road Branch, was summoned before Mr. H. C. Macnamara at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to comply with a Commandant's order.

Accused was convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$100 within one month.

Accused was alleged to have failed to comply with an order of the Commandant dated June 20 and conveyed to him by letter, sent by registered post, requiring him to attend at Volunteer Headquarters on June 23 to explain the reason for his absence from parades.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Counsel, assisted by Captain E. N. Thursby, of the Volunteers, prosecuted.

According to the prosecution, accused joined the Volunteers on August 8, 1939, and since then had failed several times to attend

parades, the last occasion was between May 12 and May 26.

The Commandant, added Mr. Murphy, addressed him a letter instructing him to attend Headquarters to explain the reasons for his absence. Accused, however, ignored the letter and made no appearance.

Mr. Murphy said he was instructed to press the case against accused, who, it was alleged, had consistently disregarded orders and ignored letters addressed to him.

CONSECRATION CEREMONY

Sir.—The Consecration of the Very Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of Hong Kong, to be Bishop will take place in St. John's Cathedral, on Tuesday, July 22nd, at 5.30 p.m.

For the convenience of those who wish to attend the service, all seats are free and unappropriated except for 6 or 7 rows reserved for the Cathedral Council members.

Extra seating will be provided in the Cathedral, and it is hoped to accommodate all who wish to attend.

It is not anticipated that the service will continue longer than 7.30 p.m. therefore allowing the congregation to return to their homes before the Black-out is operative.

A. P. Rose.

DIVORCE SUIT AGAINST BROKER

Marlys Leister Calcina, yesterday filed a divorce suit in Reno, Nevada, against Pietro Gino Calcina, broker, 60, of Great Western Road, in Shanghai.

Cruelty was charged. The couple were married in Chicago in 1933.

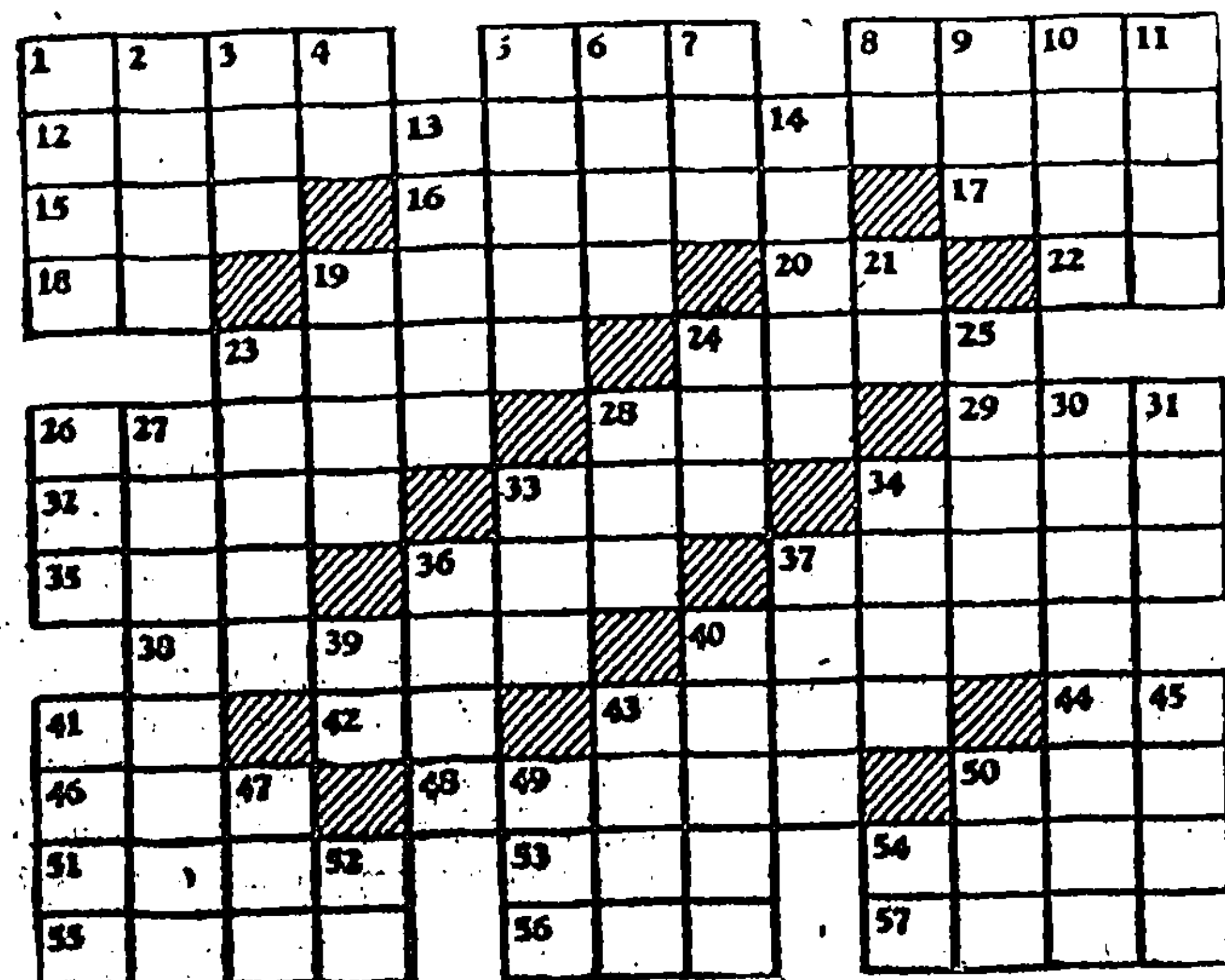
Sir Victor Sassoon visited her at Lake Tahoe recently.—International News Service.

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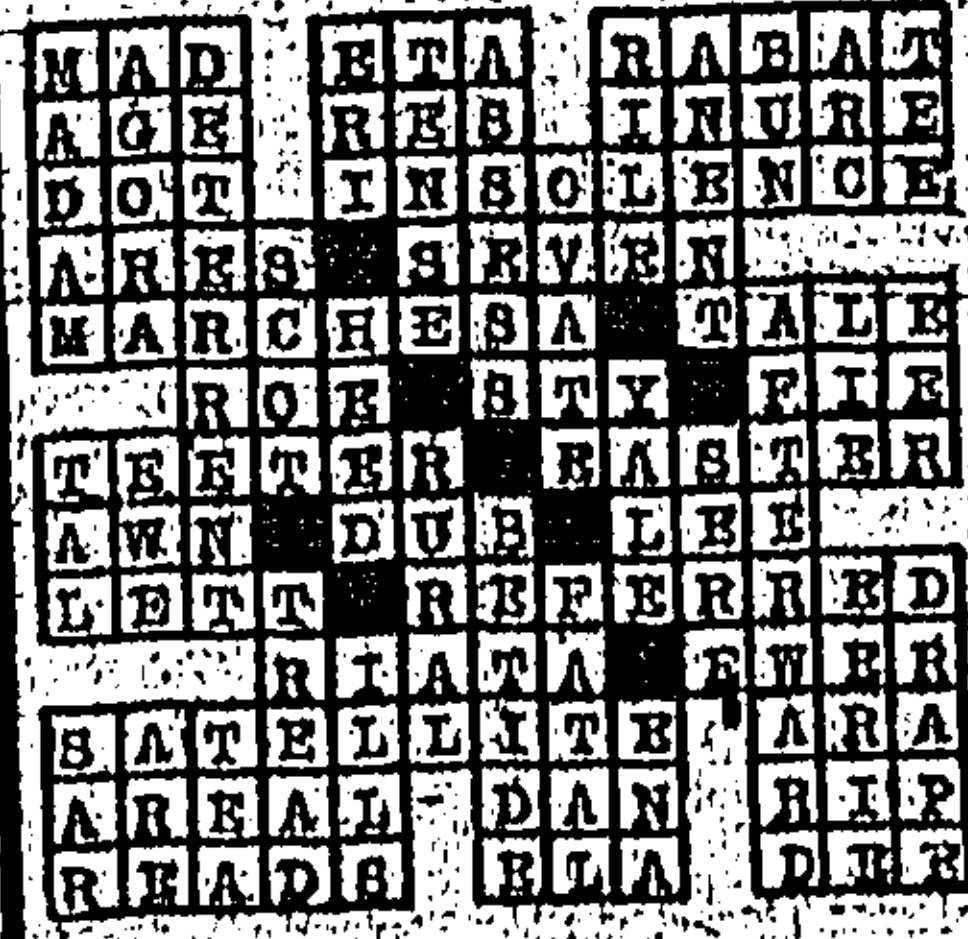
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Plane
- 2 surface
- 3 To sigh convulsively
- 4 Precious stone
- 5 Blood
- 6 Relationship
- 7 Possessed
- 8 Preceding all others
- 9 Gauging hill
- 10 Printer's measure
- 11 Mature
- 12 Hebrew letter
- 13 Pronoun
- 14 Vessel
- 15 To ascend
- 16 What for?
- 17 Value
- 18 To lease
- 19 Tunisian ruler
- 20 Branches of learning
- 21 Conjunction
- 22 Head organ
- 23 Sharp-eyed person
- 24 Strikingly odd
- 25 Ridge of blacial gravel
- 26 Four

VERTICAL

- 1 Pain
- 2 To wander
- 3 Conclusion
- 4 While
- 5 Clips
- 6 Evil giant
- 7 Passenger vehicle
- 8 Upon
- 9 Cavity
- 10 On top of
- 11 Musical instrument
- 12 Burning
- 13 Requiring scratching
- 14 Reinholder
- 15 Greek letter
- 16 Native of India
- 17 Bashful
- 18 To purify
- 19 Constellation
- 20 To make as good as new
- 21 Small
- 22 Large food fish
- 23 Worm
- 24 To colour
- 25 Barges
- 26 Is mistaken
- 27 On the ocean
- 28 Part of initiative
- 29 To eat away
- 30 Former tear
- 31 Among
- 32 Man's name
- 33 Music: three
- 34 Sunk fence
- 35 Hawaiian food
- 36 Negative
- 37 Egyptian deity

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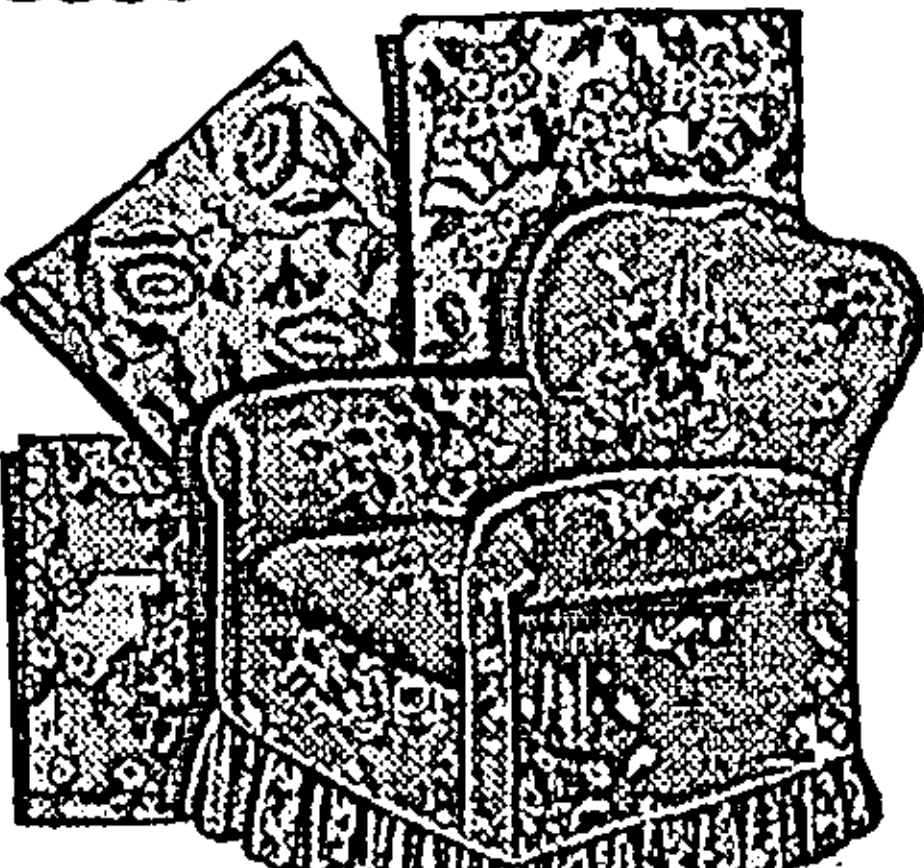
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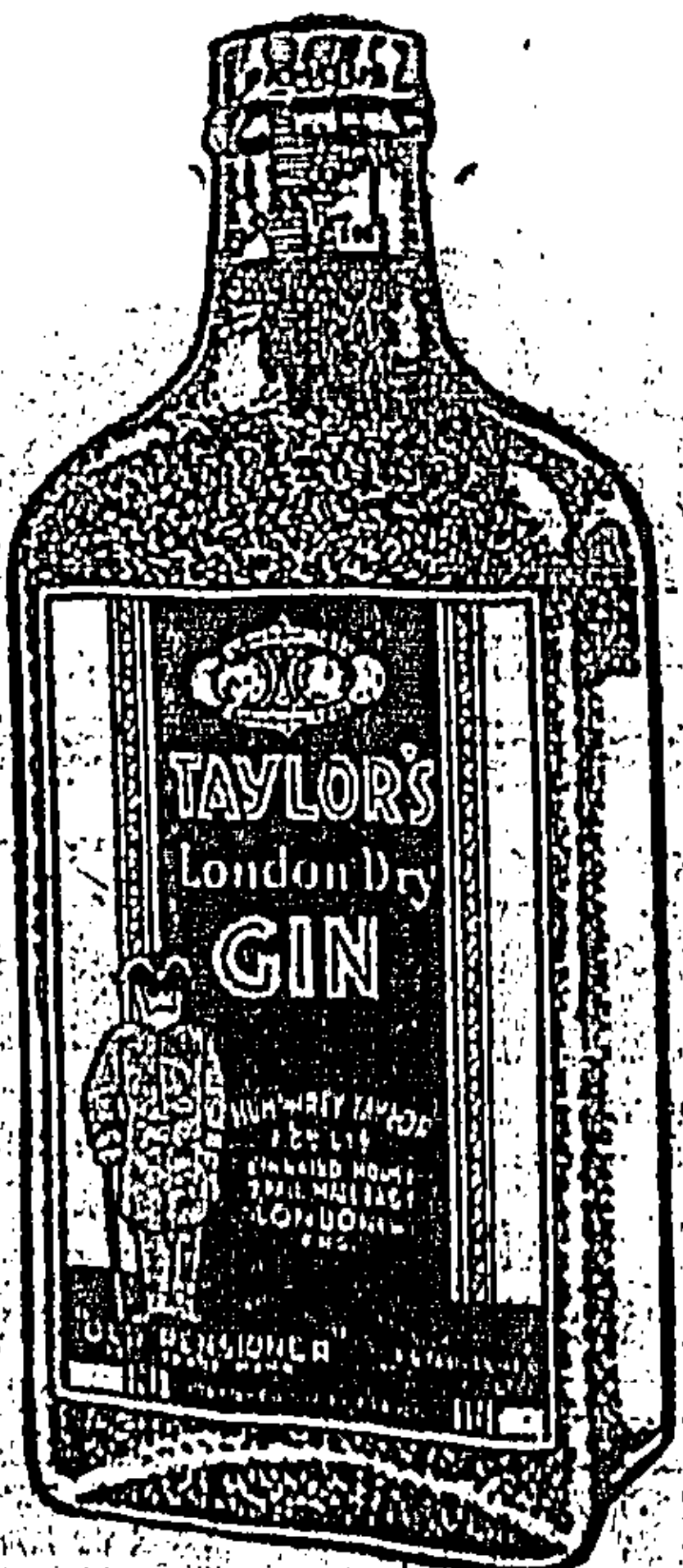
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BRITISH IN FIRM CONTROL IN THE MIDDLE EAST

COMMENTING ON THE Syrian armistice terms "The Times" in an editorial states: "The military terms are on expected lines."

"They provide for the surrender of all materials and offer to the French forces the option of joining Free French units or being repatriated to France in French ships so soon as these are available."

"Representatives and agents of the Axis have no doubt already fled from the country. Political subservience has been brought to an end and the people of Syria and Lebanon receive a promise of full sovereignty and independence."

"There is nothing here to prejudice the interests of France in Syria which in no way conflict with those of Great Britain."

"While German propaganda is making the most of hostile comments attributed to Marshal Petain and to General Weygand, there is rejoicing throughout the whole of the Middle East—and not least among the Free French forces—at the elimination of the authority and intrigues of the Axis from this point of vantage in the eastern Mediterranean."

Firm Control

"As Mr. Churchill indicated there is every reason for satisfaction at the improvement of the military situation in the Middle East during the past two months."

"The British forces are now in firm control of the eastern Mediterranean up to the Turkish frontier."

"The Italian Empire in East Africa has returned to her alliance with Britain."

"While German armoured columns are still on the confines of Egypt, the security of the Nile Valley has, at any rate for the present, been secured.—Reuter."

525 U.S. PILOTS JOIN R.A.F.

Clayton Knight, a pilot in the last war, who is head of the committee which deals with the applications of American aviators to join the R.A.F. or the Royal Canadian Air Force, stated recently that 525 men, all with a minimum of 300 hours' flying experience, had been accepted since July last.

More than 400 were serving in Canada as flying instructors.

Others were engaged in delivering British-made planes from factories to aerodromes, ferrying American bombers across the Atlantic or on active duty with the American Eagle Squadron in Britain.

Committee hopes to enrol another 600 pilots in the next few months.

Their safety record is extraordinarily good. All Atlantic crossings in which they have participated have been made without incident.

CLERKS IN DEFENCE SERVICES

Certain types of personnel, such as clerks and followers, are attached to the defence services in India by a notification made subject to the law governing the particular arm of the services concerned.

Without this provision, it is pointed out, clerks ordered to mobilisation station could defy the order with impunity. As the number of such personnel all over India is large such a situation might lead to serious disorganisation and might well impair the efficiency of the fighting forces.—Reuter.

GERMANY GIVEN A SURPRISE

"I RECEIVED REPEATED REMARKS OF SYMPATHY FROM DIFFERENT GERMAN CIRCLES, ESPECIALLY INTELLECTUALS AND INDUSTRIALISTS AND SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND ON MY DEPARTURE MANY HIGH PERSONAGES CAME TO THE RAILWAY STATION TO BID ME FAREWELL," SAID MR. CHEN CHIEH, RECALLED CHINESE AMBASSADOR TO BERLIN, INTERVIEWED BY THE CENTRAL NEWS IN BERNE LAST EVENING.

Mr. Chen disclosed that Wang Ching-wei's agents had started propaganda in Germany urging the Chinese there to change their passports and threatening them with expulsion if they should fail to do so.

The German Government proposed to allow the Chinese Colony, numbering about 850 merchants and 150 students, to stay in Germany if they chose to do so, but further arrangements for the prolongation of the period of validity of their passports failed.

Concerning the German Press, Mr. Chen said that telegrams exchanged between Wang Ching-wei and Germany on recognition of the Nanking puppet regime remained unpublished, but certain papers announced the recognition as follows: "On the demand of Wang Ching-wei Germany accorded him de jure recognition as one of China's governments."

Mr. Chen revealed that Germany decided to recognise the Nanking puppet regime on June 27 and that he officially informed the German Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs the following day of the firm decision of the Chinese Government to sever diplomatic relations with any Power recognising the Nanking puppets.

As recognition of "Manchukuo" only called forth simple protests, Mr. Chen added, the German Government seemed to attach little attention to his formal warning. It was greatly surprised when he officially declared severance of Sino-German diplomatic relations on July 3.—Central News.

JAPANESE MOVE RUMOURED

REPORTS THAT THE JAPANESE LEFT SWABUE SOME DAYS AGO WERE STILL UNCONFIRMED THIS MORNING IN SHIPPING CIRCLES.

There has been some withdrawal of Japanese forces at Shumchun, and Nantau, but there are no indications that the Japanese are contemplating evacuating the region.

Fresh batches of coolies have been recruited to work on the road between Shataukok and Yim Tim.

HESS PEACE PLAN GOSSIP QUASHED

Questioned in regard to the report that Rudolf Hess had flown to Britain with a peace plan, under which the British Fleet and Empire would remain intact, President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday he believed even Mr. Churchill did not know of that proposal.

The President added that many well-meaning citizens were continually rushing to Washington with peace plans which in some cases looked like "plants."—Reuter.

Soviet Approval

Mr. Churchill's speech at County Hall on Monday was published verbatim in all the leading Soviet newspapers yesterday.

The text of the Anglo-Soviet Agreement was prominently printed on the front pages of all papers which did not have editions on Monday.

It was accompanied by leading articles by Soviet scientists and academicians expressing satisfaction at the Pact, and by lengthy accounts of factory meetings at which unanimous resolutions in favour of the Agreement were passed.—Reuter.

NAZI RULE IN CRETE & GREECE

The "Daily Telegraph's" Istanbul Correspondent cabled recently:—

Reports which may contain an element of German publicity to frighten prospective victims, but which nevertheless indicate the length to which the Nazis will go in occupied countries, have been received from Greece and Crete.

The shoulders of all Cretan women are to be examined to see whether they bear any bruise marks as the result of the recoil of a rifle. The German High Command has announced that any women bearing such marks will be shot as franc-tireurs.

All Greeks of Cretan origin living in Greece are to be sent to the concentration camp. Many well-known Greek personalities have been arrested.

The Germans have announced that any person found in the streets after the curfew will be shot on the spot.

Patrols have received orders to throw grenades if groups of people are found.

Despite fantastic odds, the spirit of the Greeks is uncurbed.

CHINA MAIL

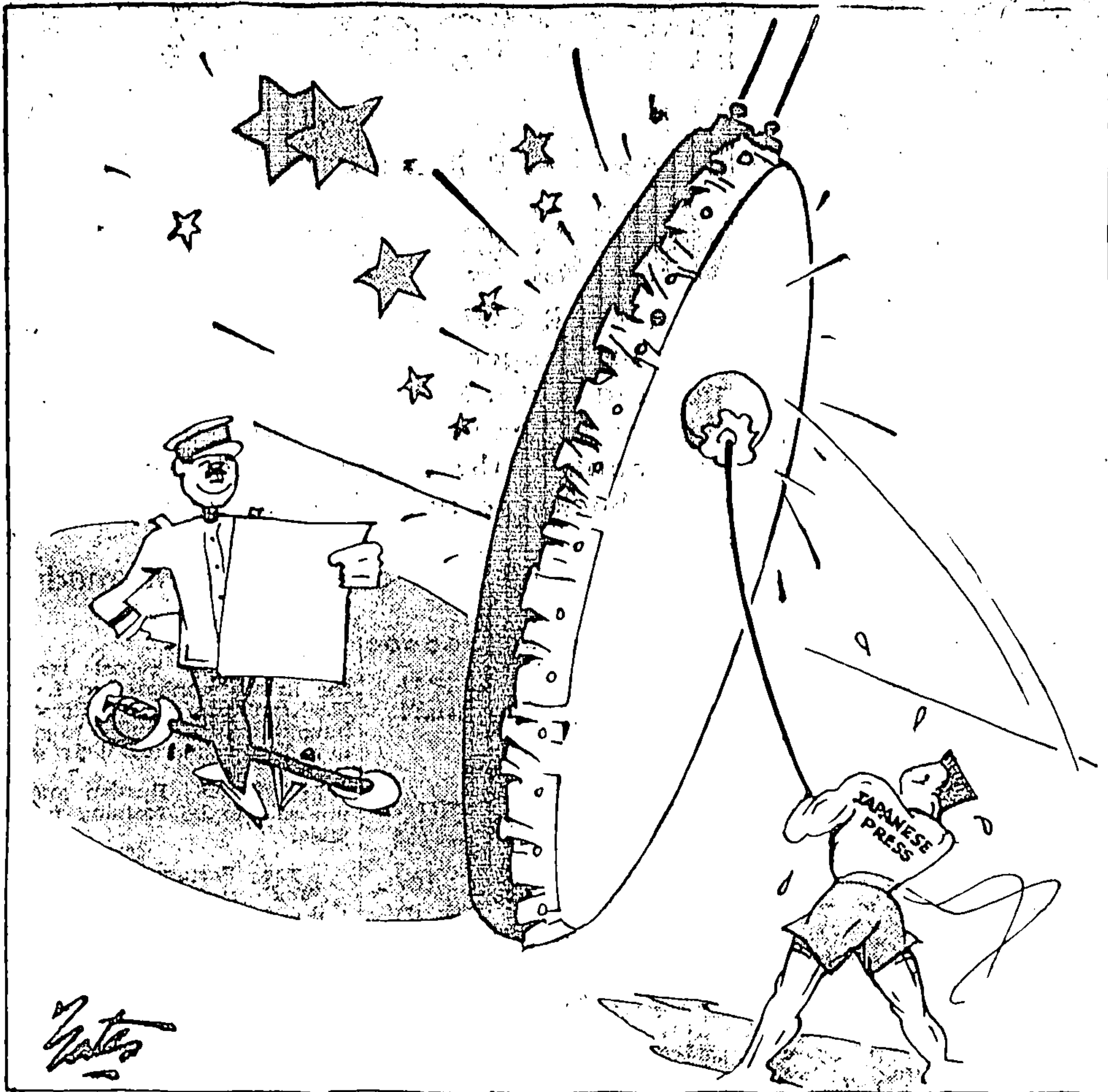
SYRIA CONFLICT

Because all Germany's main energies are concentrated against Russia, the termination of the unhappy conflict in Syria will naturally attract less notice than would otherwise have been its due. Time alone will show whether the achievement of General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's forces has important consequences beyond the political sphere. Obviously, the surrender of General Dentz goes far to modify the strategic peril to Suez arising from the withdrawal from Crete, an island which was considered to be secure in our hands. It appreciably reduces the threat to Cyprus, for this time the advantage of near air bases will be with the defenders and not the attackers. It guarantees the elimination of Syria as a threatening stepping-stone to the Mosul oil fields.

French defence against restrained pressure lasted just over a month. The repercussions of the surrender will be felt throughout the Near East, in Turkey, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and the great desert to the south. Britain again has a solid front. The Arabs have clearly rejected the Holy War the fanatical Mufti of Jerusalem sought to inflame, and both he and the usurper Rashid Ali el Gailani are fugitives, repudiated by their own people.

For the first time in this war the Germans have been compelled to flee from an area into which they had penetrated. Britain gains the inestimable gift of time, time to consolidate her future defence of the Mosul oil fields, time to throw the small but efficient forces which took Damascus to other fronts where they are needed. It is not likely the Nazis will quit their struggle for Iraq's oil, but the short way is now closed to them. The precious fluid that seemed almost in their grasp is snatched from their best point of attack.

The terms of the armistice undoubtedly give the British complete control of the country. The road to the conquest of Arabia and the road to India is blocked. Most important at the moment is that one prong of the Nazi pincers reaching for Suez is smashed.



DRUMMING IT UP

Crown Prince Of Vichy

This is the fourth of a series of articles by the distinguished French dramatist, Henry Bernstein, exiled by the Vichy government.

On October 9, 1934, King Alexander I of Serbia, ally and friend of France, and Louis Barthou, Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Doumergue Cabinet, were shot and killed by a Macedonian terrorist. The era of violence and catastrophe had begun.

The most important of all portfolios is that of Foreign Affairs, and it was necessary to provide immediately for a successor to Barthou. Several candidates were suggested. Pierre Laval was chosen. It was learned that he had the full support of Marshal Petain, Minister of War.

Who is this notorious Laval whom Marshal Petain, in 1934, and perhaps even earlier, made his political associate?

The man has always been cloaked in mystery and he is not well known, even in France.

To-day Laval is fifty-eight years old. He has a distinctly alarming face and undeniable geniality. The calm and dignity of his manner, the affability of his greeting have facilitated his career. He has been successful in arbitrating political and social conflicts. He has sometimes appeared to be clairvoyant. The agreement drawn up at Stresa in 1935 among England, France and Italy seemed to many sensible people a guaranty against the rise of Nazism. This attempt failed, as have all the expansive political schemes of Laval.

Pierre Laval was born and grew up in great poverty, which did not crush him. He succeeded in passing his examinations for the law, and in 1911 he opened a small law office for workmen at Aubervilliers, an industrial centre near Paris. He gave consultations for 2 francs, which, at that time, would be about 40 cents. His popularity grew quickly and, in 1914, he was elected Deputy from the Seine. In the Chamber of Deputies he sat at the extreme left of the Socialist party (Communism had not yet been invented).

The war broke out. Laval became one of the two or three "Kienthallans" of the Chamber. That was the name given to a group of extreme pacifists whose delegates met the representatives of the German Socialist party at Kienthal and Zimmerwald, little

Swiss cities. At these meetings they discussed ways of bringing the war to an end immediately.

After the war of 1914 Paul Alard, a journalist, published a work entitled "Behind the Scenes of the War, Revealed by the Secret Committees" (of the two houses of Parliament). This book cannot be found in France. The book-store editions were bought up; the library copies were removed.

It contains the report of an extraordinary speech made by Laval in the secret session of the Chamber of Deputies on June 1, 1917. That was the period of dangerous mutinies in the army. From

By Henry Bernstein

the Speaker's stand he recommended immediate peace by threatening Parliament and the country indirectly with a military uprising. In spite of his cautious phrases this appeal to defeatism and revolt was interrupted several times by indignant protests from the majority of the Assembly.

Mr. Laval's apparent object was to obtain passports so that French representatives could go to a "so-called" international conference, like that at Kienthal, which was to take place in Stockholm.

To show Parliament the necessity of letting the French extremists go to Stockholm, and of concluding as quickly as possible a peace with Germany, Mr. Laval read to the Deputies an incredible report. This important and strictly secret report had been made by Generalissimo Petain to the Minister of War. It had been written two days before and discussed the day before at the Council of Ministers.

Generalissimo Petain had painted a dark picture of the lack of discipline which was increasing in the ranks, and of the revolt of whole battalions.

How did this ultra-confidential report of Gen. Petain's get into the hands of Pierre Laval? No one, save for Mr. Laval and the person or persons who gave it to him, has ever known.

After the French victory, Laval

led a cautious life, shifting between Socialism and Communism. His career as a lawyer developed. In 1921 he began to draw closer to the moderate parties; he did it cleverly and soon he was spoken of by them with great favour. He was minister for the first time in 1925. In 1931 the President of the republic confided to M. Pierre Laval the task of forming the Cabinet. The ex-Socialist—fifteen years after his speech to the secret committee—became Prime Minister and head of the Conservative party.

At the same time that he acquired power he acquired a large fortune.

This is a brief but accurate sketch of the career of the minister backed by Marshal Petain to take charge of foreign affairs in October, 1934, that is, at a dark hour when internal strife was disrupting the country and when the German menace reappeared on the border.

Marshal Petain has always spoken in the sharpest terms of French politicians, of their recantations and their corruption. And among them all the one he chose as a partner was Pierre Laval.

Mr. Laval was hardly a success in 1931 as President of the Council. He was considered a failure particularly in the field of foreign affairs. So the Senate overturned his ministry as soon as Briand, who was a member of it, had died.

Those who were ill-informed were, therefore, surprised when Doumergue chose him in 1934 as Minister of Foreign Affairs, and still more surprised at the strong support given him by Marshal Petain. At this time the government policy was strongly nationalistic, and Doumergue, who had initiated ministerial broadcasts, issued warnings of the German danger every week to the country at large. Already, however, although the accusation was not openly made, people doubted Laval's firmness in regard to the Nazis.

In principle, he was to continue the admirable work of his predecessor, Louis Barthou. With the passage of years one sees clearly that he set to work at once to destroy it.

Barthou had planned an encirclement of Germany which would have long delayed, if not prevented, the vast Hitlerian de-

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Moscow Guerillas Roaming Far And Wide In Nazi Zone

A WAR CORRESPONDENT of the Moscow newspaper "Izvestia" reported this morning that a Soviet attack between Rogatchev and Mogilov — 10 miles apart on the west bank of the Dnieper — drove the Germans back to a line 30 miles west of Rogatchev.

This is not yet officially confirmed by Moscow.

WANTS FIT MEN OUT OF BALLOON CREWS

The Secretary for Air is to be asked in Parliament if he will consider a release to other services of all officers and men of military age and medical fitness now employed in balloon barrage crews.

He will also be asked what decisions have been reached for the employment of members of the Women's Royal Air Force in balloon barrage, so as to release men of military age and fitness.

TASTE OF DAMNABLE MEDICINE

THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT THAT IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS ALONE WE HAD DROPPED ON GERMANY ABOUT HALF THE WHOLE WEIGHT OF BOMBS DROPPED ON OUR OWN CITIES SINCE THE WAR BEGAN, IS NOTED BY THE PRESS WITH A CERTAIN GRIM SATISFACTION: A SATISFACTION PRIMARILY DUE TO THE CLEAR REVELATION WHICH THE STATEMENT PROVIDES OF THE ENORMOUSLY INCREASED STRIKING POWER OF THE R.A.F.

As the "Manchester Guardian" says: "As moral beings we have, one supposes, no right to feel glad that the Germans are at last tasting their own damnable medicine."

"As combatants in a merciless war we can rejoice that our country's strength is rising sufficiently for us to take the offensive."

As for material damage caused to the enemy, says "The Times": "It has undoubtedly been great and the German radio has been compelled to issue excuses to the civil population for the apparent lack of adequate protection of their person and property."—British Wireless.

"CIGARETTE AND LIPSTICK OUTLOOK" MUST GO

The "cigarette and lipstick outlook on life" must be changed, said the Bishop of Exeter, Dr. C. E. Curzon, recently. "I have no objections to cigarettes, but I am glad lipstick was not invented when I was a young man," he said. "They are symbols which will have to be replaced by others. I suggest these new symbols should be the spade and cradle."

According to reports reaching the Russian Embassy in London, Nazi control of the territory they have occupied is limited to ground actually covered by their troops.

In between, Russian guerillas are said to be roaming far and wide.

The Portuguese newspaper "Voz" suggested to-day that the Russians can continue the conflict indefinitely, even if her army retreats further and further.

The paper says the Russians' immense territory will then compel the Germans to spread themselves out enormously while never scoring a decisive victory.—Reuter.

HUGE NAZI FORCES MAINTAINED TO CONTROL CZECHS

Spontaneous pro-Yugoslavian demonstrations in Czecho-Slovakia led to the arrest of several hundreds of Czechs. Eleven Prague police officers were sent to concentration camps for failing to prevent popular demonstrations.

Colonel Hurban, Czech Minister at Washington, reports the maintenance in Bohemia and Moravia of 50, German police and 300,000 troops.

President Benes predicted on Good Friday that the Nazis would soon be making peace offers. A plebiscite, on the general lines of previous Nazi plebiscites, is being planned, the idea being to present to the world a picture of the Czech people as being content under the Nazi regime. The favourable moment for such a plebiscite would be a satisfactory conclusion of the Yugoslav-Greek campaign. President Benes warns his people in good time.

Wishful Song

Translation of a German war song broadcast from a German station, and sung by a men's choir:

"Now we are bound for England,
The whole country will be destroyed by fire.
Then we set out for the New World.

Whence we shall fetch Roosevelt (Roosevelt),
Switzerland, the insolent porcupine,
We shall seize on the way home."

Hitler has banned the works of the great German Jewish poet Heine. In a small country church in England, one of his prophecies was read out recently to the congregation: "Christianity has occasionally calmed the brutal German lust for battle, but cannot destroy that savage joy. And when once that restraining talisman, the Cross, is broken, the old stone gods will rise from unremembered ruins and Thor will leap to life again and bring down his gigantic hammer upon the Gothic cathedrals." So wrote Heine, in 1834.

THE WAR BECOMING TOUGHER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

"The Italian people are ready for the consequences; they understand the war is becoming tougher."

This statement was made by a Rome spokesman yesterday commenting on Mr. Churchill's assertion that British raiders would hammer Italy. —International News Service.

KING COFFEE STILL RULES IN ALBANIA

Coffee is the greatest pleasure and the greatest vice of the Albanians.

In the larger houses there is a special coffee kitchen; every hour huge cups of the loveliest black brew are served, if you go shopping you are first of all offered coffee and cigarettes—this is just as much a part of the service which the shop tenders as the chair on which you are expected to sit, or the greeting you must exchange with the smiling assistant even if you don't understand a word he says.

It is impossible to refuse this hospitality nor would it be wise to do so. It would be construed as a brutal insult; an insult to the hospitality which is considered in Albania the holiest thing in human intercourse, and which is even mightier than the vendetta or "blood revenge."

If someone kills your child in Albania and flees to your house to find refuge, you cannot deliver him into the hands of the police; nor can you take revenge at once, into your hands. You must keep him as a most honoured guest for six weeks, provide him with all necessities and even luxuries. Then he will leave because he too, knows the laws of hospitality. Then and only then you may shoot him—in the back if you prefer—but not before he has left your house and is beyond the borders of your hospitality.

SIR ARTHUR BLACKBURN HERE

Sir Arthur Blackburn, Counsellor to the British Embassy in Chungking, arrived in the Colony last night and has entered the Queen Mary Hospital for treatment of the injuries he received in the recent Japanese air raid on China's wartime capital.

Sir Arthur was accompanied by Lady Blackburn.

U.S. PREFERRED

A number of foreign writers and correspondents including Henri Bernstein, Countess Alexander Tolsty, Edna Faber and David Lu participated in the broadcast programme entitled "America Preferred" sponsored by the United States Treasury Department from New York on Sunday.—Central News.

FIERCE BATTLE STILL RAGING

Reassuring Moscow Communique

Successes In North And South: Panzers Cut Off

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

FOURTH DAY OF THE TREMENDOUS BATTLE RAGING ON THREE SECTORS OF THE RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT BRINGS A REASSURING MOSCOW HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE, WHICH GIVES A CLEARER PICTURE OF THE MILITARY SITUATION.

According to this communique, the German thrust towards Leningrad in the Psco sector has not merely been brought to a halt, but the main enemy forces are being hurled back.

In the Vitebsk region, the issue still hangs in the balance with both sides throwing in all available resources and suffering severe losses.

Trend of the operations is indicated in the reference to fighting in the Novograd-Volinsk sector. The Russian High Command says that the Red Army is checking the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastward and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation.

The inference which may fairly be drawn is that the grandiose German claims to sensational advances have been based upon the progress of panzer units which probably have broken through at several points on the long front, but which have not been able to obtain the substantial backing of the motorised infantry, following up closely behind, which is the technique of the blitz.

On the northern front, for instance, the Soviet High Command claims complete victory over the German infantry divisions, and that behind its own lines, German panzer units are being systematically destroyed.

Mogilev Claim

The Germans, meanwhile, claim a further success on the central sector, announcing the capture of the "key" Russian fortress city of Mogilev, southwest of Smolensk. It is claimed that Mogilev is deep inside the Stalin Line and it is asserted that the success "will pave the way for opening a wide corridor to Moscow."

Smolensk itself, says Berlin, is under constant air raid and artillery bombardment. In a radio broadcast last night, Berlin declared that "the dissolution of some Russian divisions seems complete. A fort in the Opotchka sector (east of Ostrav) has been blown up. — International News Service.

Soviet Communique

A Soviet communique says fighting continued in the Vitebsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions. "In Pskov our troops surrounded enemy motorised troops, destroying them section by section. THE MAIN ENEMY FORCES ARE BEING HURLED BACK TO THE WEST. "In Vitebsk there was fierce fighting all day against mechanised units trying to penetrate to the east. Fighting continues with heavy losses on both sides.

"In Novograd-Volinsk, our troops are counteracting the enemy's attempts to penetrate eastwards and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation. The oil fields at Ploesti, Sulina and Tulcea were bombed by Soviet aircraft. "Fifty-two German planes were destroyed on July 14, Soviet losses were 24." — Reuter.

Ploesti Bombed

A Soviet High Command communique broadcast by Moscow radio states: "During the night of July 14, stubborn fighting continued in the north-western and

western directions of the front.

"In other directions and sectors of the front no important fighting took place and no substantial changes occurred in the position of the troops. "Our air force during the night of July 14 bombed mechanised units of the enemy and raided the refineries and oil fields of Ploesti (Rumania)." — Reuter.

Vain Endeavours

THE COMMUNIQUE SAYS: "IN THE VITEBSK AREA, THERE WAS FIERCE FIGHTING ALL DAY LONG AGAINST MOTORISED AND MECHANISED ENEMY UNITS WHICH MADE A VAIN ENDEAVOUR TO PENETRATE TO THE EAST. FIGHTING CONTINUES WITH HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

"In the Novograd-Volinsk direction our troops have been fighting stubbornly, counteracting enemy attempts to penetrate eastwards and join his tanks which are in a difficult situation. "Our aircraft on July 15 has been operating against enemy motorised and mechanised units, has destroyed enemy aircraft on their aerodromes, and bombed the oil district of Ploesti, warehouses in Sulina and transports in the district of Tulcea.

Riga Incident

"A Soviet destroyer in the Gulf of Riga was attacked by enemy planes. A.A. fire destroyed and brought down two enemy planes and the destroyer came out of the encounter unscathed. "Soviet trawlers in the Gulf of Finland saw an enemy submarine, when crossing a mine-field, destroyed.

"In an encounter with four enemy fighters two Soviet sea-planes brought down two of the enemy aircraft. One Soviet plane was brought down." — Reuter.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"). APPROXIMATELY 500 AXIS CONSULAR AGENTS WITH THEIR FAMILIES, SAILED FROM NEW YORK IN THE "WEST POINT" FOR LISBON YESTERDAY.

They included Captain Wiedemann, former commandant in San Francisco, and his party, who flew in three chartered transport planes from the Pacific coast to catch the ship in a sudden effort to leave the United States. — International News Service.

SOVIET PARACHUTE OPERATIONS

Soviet parachute troops have been dropped in Hungary in order to destroy railways, states a Budapest despatch to the official Italian news agency.

The despatch claimed that an attempt by Soviet parachute troops to destroy a Hungarian railway line was frustrated by the "vigilance and energetic action of Hungarian troops."

Hungarian forces on the Soviet front were stated to be advancing into Podolia, in western Ukraine, despite the lack of roads and the difficulties of the terrain. — Reuter.

TATTOOING BACK IN FASHION AGAIN

Tattooists in England are busier than they have been for many years.

The reason is that thousands of men and women going into the forces are bringing tattoo marks back into fashion.

Both men and women are having their regimental badges tattooed on their arms, there is also a big demand for identification number markings.

A London tattooist stated that though men still formed the bulk of his clientele, increasing numbers of women were attending daily.

"Another idea is to have their blood groups tattooed on them in case they are caught in air raids."

SOVIET RAID ON BUCHAREST

AN AIR RAID ON BUCHAREST ON MONDAY WAS ANNOUNCED IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE. ISSUED IN THE RUMANIAN CAPITAL, STATES A DESPATCH TO THE OFFICIAL ITALIAN NEWS AGENCY.

The communique reads: "Enemy aircraft dropped a large number of incendiary bombs on Bucharest on Monday night" but says that fires started were extinguished.

One was killed and one injured, concludes the communique. — Reuter.

LONELY SOLDIER SENDS LOVE AFTER 24 YEARS

A letter to a "lonely soldier," written by a Los Angeles woman in 1917, was discovered by a man serving in this war when he unpacked some war material recently.

The woman asked the finder to correspond with her.

He has answered the twenty-four-year-old letter.

'GOOD TIME' WIFE SLAIN

"Sybil has hurt me in every possible way that a woman can hurt a man."

This passage from a diary was read at Gosport (Hants) recently when Donald Jack Chilvers, 30, was charged with the murder at Lee-on-Solent of his wife Sybil Ann, 25, once blonde "Beauty Queen" of Norwich.

Mr. E. G. Robey, prosecuting, said in the diary was written: "I would have forgiven Sybil for everything, but Sybil would not have it that way."

"A good time for herself was more important to her than anything else. I cannot bear to think of somebody making love to her."

"Only God, Sybil and myself know what has happened to us young people. God. He does not talk. Sybil is dead, and I myself will soon be dead."

To his mother he wrote (said counsel): "Sybil has driven me too far at last."

NEW HANDS HER ONLY HOPE

Only concern of a girl of sixteen who lost both hands—and nearly her life—in an air raid is for a chance to take up her job as a telegraphist.

To do this she will need a special pair of artificial hands. These, she believes, could be got from the United States—but they would cost £400.

The girl, Jean Stormand, of Sunderland, qualified to be a Civil Service telegraphist just before she was injured a few months ago. She was with father and mother in their shelter during an air raid when a German Nazi plane crashed down on them.

All hope of rescuing the family had been given up when they were saved—all badly injured.

Jean's mother died, her father seriously injured his feet, and Jean, who was not expected to live, pulled through with her hands amputated.

She does not want sympathy. That, she says, is for those who "are much worse than I am."

Living For Job

She is the most cheerful girl in Sunderland Infirmary, where she is recovering steadily. She had a happy word for everyone—doctors, nurses and patients.

Mr. Stormand, too, is still in hospital. "Jean had just passed her examination to join the Civil Service when the accident happened," he told a reporter.

"She had always wanted this job and was just living for when she could take it up."

"Then everything was smashed in a few moments. But she has not let this crush her."

"How the hands she wants will be brought from America I don't know. The cost is about £400 and we have lost everything in our home."

"Jean's legs were injured and her face badly burned, but she has recovered miraculously."

All Jean will say is, "While there's life there's hope, and there's plenty of life in me yet. It's no use looking on the black side. I am just hoping for the best."

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BRIDGE NOTES

THE INITIAL ERROR

By The Four Aces

"Please help us," writes a Baltimore reader. "We missed an easy game on the hand shown here, and to this day we don't know where we went wrong:

North, Dealer		Neither side vulnerable	
NORTH			
♠	J 6 5 3	♥	A K 6
♦	A 5 2	♣	A 5 2
♣	K Q 10		
WEST		EAST	
♠	K 10 8	♥	Q
♦	J 7 2	♣	10 9 5
♣	J 10 9 6	♠	K 8 7 4 3
♠	8 7 3	♥	A 6 5 2
SOUTH			
♠	A 9 7 4 2	♥	Q 8 4 3
♦	Q	♣	J 9 4
♣	J 9 4		

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass

"We lost one club and one spade, making five-odd at a contract of only two. Still, we don't see how North can raise to three spades with such poor distribution; nor do we think that North should bid spades to begin with. Do you?"

"Perhaps South should have gone on to three spades, but North could have a good deal less for his bids. In that case, making even three spades might be quite a feat. And even if North had a fairly good hand for his bids, he might bid four spades, after an invitational three spades by South, and there might well be no play at all for the contract. South simply never dreamed that the North hand would be so strong.

"Where did we make our mistake?"

The mistake took place mainly in North's choice of the opening bid. North's best opening bid is one no-trump. If South then bids two spades, North has enough extra value to raise to three spades; and South must accept the invitation to game with alacrity.

As a matter of fact, South might even jump to three spades over the opening bid of one no-trump. Reaching game would then be very easy.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠	A J 9 3
♥	K 10 4
♦	K 5
♣	J 9 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Major
1♠	2♠	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. Your length in spades weakens your partner's defensive strength and makes it likely that you will profit more from a probable game at spades than from a doubtful penalty double of two clubs. Score 100% for two spades, 30% for three spades, 20% for double.

Question No. 769

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠	Q 7 5 3
♥	9 2
♦	K J 4
♣	8 7 3 2

The bidding:

Jacoby	Schenken	You	Major
1♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CROWN PRINCE OF VICHY

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velopment. His finest achievement was the new pact with Russia. It was understood that this alliance was not to affect in any way the internal affairs of France, which was continuing resolutely its anti-Communist policy.

Laval signed the pact arranged by Barthou and the very next day set out for Moscow to close the agreement. But he took care to announce *urbi et orbi* that he would prevent the pact from being ratified by Parliament, which pleased the anti-Russian Right but was not designed to arouse great confidence on the part of the Soviet government.

On the other hand, during the consultations in Moscow, Laval asked Stalin to suggest that the French Communist party be more conciliatory. Delighted to have the French government ask for his protection, Stalin publicly ordered his French partisans to facilitate the defence efforts of the Cabinet. The effect of this measure was deplorable. The Communists regained an importance in France which they had completely lost and which continued to increase. It was Laval's trip to Moscow which gave birth to the Popular Front.

It is easy to fathom the reasons which drew Petain and Laval together. These two ambitious men complemented one another.

Laval was the chief of the pro-Italian party, recruited from the centre and the right of Parliament, and the more powerful because it included a number of anti-German patriots. Laval represented, as well, the big business interests and, in this role, he had at his disposal a huge electoral fund. In spite of all these trumps, he was neither liked nor respected in the country. Petain brought him his name, his rank, and a popularity far less dazzling than it is to-day but which, by constant propaganda, they tried to inflate.

There was another reason. We know that the marshal was not partial to responsibility while Laval—one must do him this justice—assumed it willingly.

For seven years they were close collaborators. But while "President" Laval thought he had Marshal Petain where he wanted him, and saw that the fact was suggested everywhere by his admirers and hits agents, it was the marshal who continually made use of the President.

For M. Laval, because he had been successful in settling quarrels among politicians, or in ending strikes, was convinced that he could conquer the leading statesmen with an irresistible charm if they only had an opportunity to see his face and his smile and hear his voice.

It is this total misconception which led him successively to the White House to convince Mr. Herbert Hoover; to Rome to make Mussolini his friend for life; to the Kremlin to inflame Stalin with love.

So many journeys—so many failures! But these mishaps did not stop M. Laval. Late in 1939, after the war had broken out, he wanted to return to Rome and he offered to make the pilgrimage at his own risk, implying his ability to prevent Italy from going into the war—who knows? to detach it from Germany.

The human soul does not change. When he had become hereditary Prince of the France of Vichy, M. Pierre Laval had only one dream—to appear before Hitler.

On October 23, 1940, after incredible efforts, he obtained an interview which took place in Paris. What were the feelings of Adolf Hitler before Pierre Laval, the man who believed himself destined to become the Führer of France? We will never know. But up to this time, this conversation, so long desired, has produced results favourable neither to Franco nor to M. Laval personally.

IRISH FILL "EASY—MONEY" JOBS

Harry the London barman joins up. Pat takes his place. Harry the cocktail shaker, or the hotel porter, the cinema attendant, the liftman joins up. There's a Pat ready, I found recently, to jump into all such "neutral" jobs, writes an "Express Staff" reporter.

Since war began unemployment in neutral Eire has been rising. In spite of a vast increase in the Eireann Army, a shortage of raw materials has recently led to a jump in the number of workless.

So the Pats look to England for work and wages.

Some come here as agricultural labourers, others as navvies. But the slicker, more sophisticated townsmen look for easy money in London, where employers are eager for staff.

Admission of Eire nationals to work here is controlled by the Ministry of Labour, which takes the view that it is all to the good that labour should be available to release men for the services.

Many mechanics from garages and engineering shops in Eire, which are now idle because of a lack of supplies, are seeking work in munitions factories here.

Men from Eire cannot be conscripted for the fighting services until they have been two years in this country.

Liable To Serve

The same rule applies to men from the other Dominions.

They are now liable for civil defence duties, such as fire-watching, and girls from Eire will not be able to claim any exemption from Mr. Bevin's industrial call-up.

When war began there was a rush of Irish men and women who wanted to go home. Now the United Kingdom Permit Office in Merrion-square, Dublin, is busy with applications for permits to come to England. Any one who has got a job here is, as a rule, given a permit.

Irishmen who leave this country within the two-year period to avoid conscription are not, however, allowed to return. They must stay in Eire while the war lasts.

A West End barman from Kilkenny said to me: "With a lot of us it is a question of keeping the old folks at home. I came over in January and I'll work my two years here and send as much I can home."

"Then I'll be glad to join up and fight, so long as I know the old people have a bit of money to keep them going."

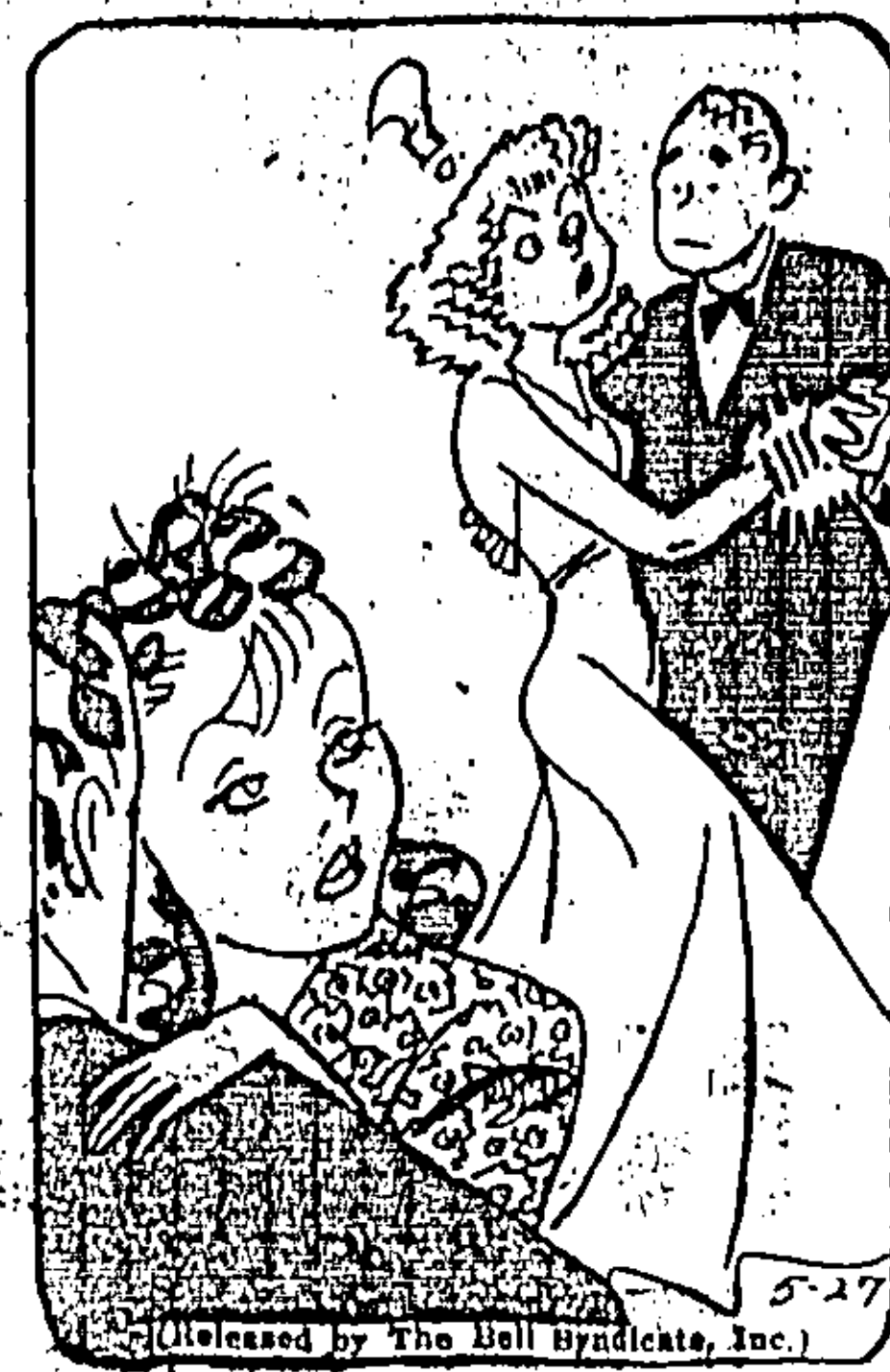
"Plenty of us Irish are doing A.R.P. work, anyway, and it's not to London we'd come for safety if that's what we wanted. The wolf's on our door-step in Eire now, and we've got to do what we can about it."

LONG HAIR IS REPRIEVED

Women with long hair have been having it cropped because of the hair-pin shortage. They need not have worried.

The new pin will be made of a plastic preparation and obtainable in various shades.

The manager of a large chain stores told a reporter: "Metal hairpins are now practically unobtainable in shops in this country. Only a few are being manufactured and they are for export. The substitute pins will be more expensive, probably about 3d. for a packet of twelve."



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says when her beau tells her he's foot weary the only suggestion she can make is that he get shoes a little wider.

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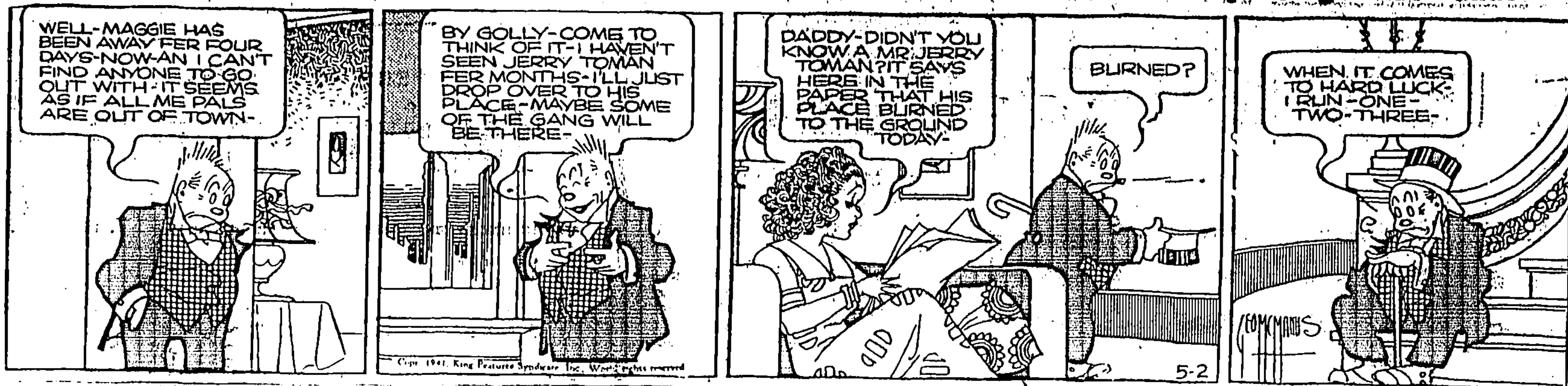
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

The Entire Meal Tastes Better If It
Contains At Least
ONE HOT DISH

Says Dorothy Greig

One of the things that lend zip and zest to summer meals is contrast. We plan for contrast in texture for instance, a crunchy food and a smooth one. Contrast of colour makes a meal look more appetising, too—the green of beans, the yellow of corn, the red of strawberries. And most important of all is contrast of temperature. Cold food for summer meals if you like but get contrast by serving some hot food also in every meal.

Indeed, serving at least one hot dish does much more than just give balance and zest. It actually aids digestion, helps to keep us feeling fit through the draggy days. And it is wise to serve this hot food as early in the meal as possible.

For example, if the main dish is cold meat or a big husky salad, let's start with a light hot soup. That puts the tummy in good humour to digest the cold foods that follow.



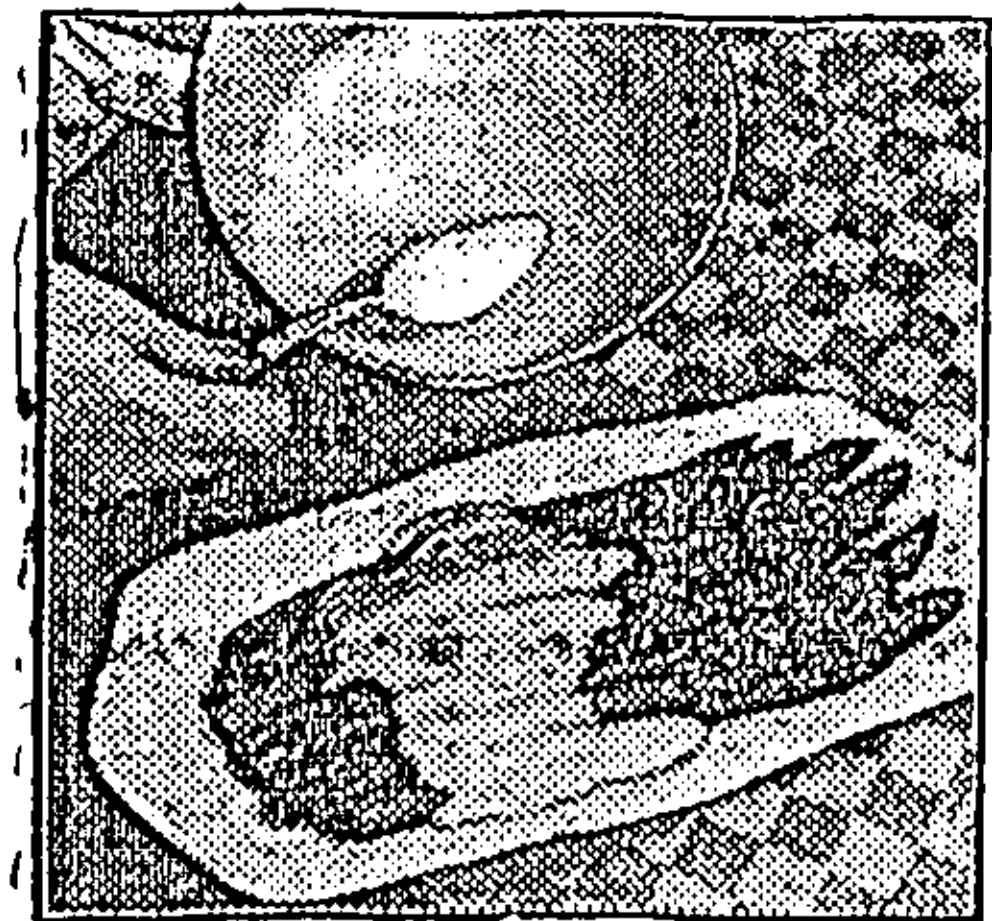
Chopped Steak and Spanish Rice Casserole—a zestful dish to sparkle up a summer meal.

IT'S ASPARAGUS TIME

—and all's well

Dorothy Greig

ONE of the palate treats of early summer is fresh green asparagus. It arrives green and succulent, with its own elusive fragrance. Its time is all too fleeting, so enjoy it we must while we may.



Served hot, dressed lavishly with golden melted butter is perhaps our first thought. But if your taste runs to more provocative and positive flavors then enhance asparagus with a gay and edgy sauce that combines the delicate sharpness of pimiento cheese with the rich mushroom flavor of condensed cream of mushroom soup. For all its flavor, this sauce is easy to make. This is how it goes. But first we start with the asparagus:

1 bunch fresh asparagus
To cook whole, tie loosely in a bunch, put into rapidly boiling salted water and cook, uncovered, 10-20 minutes, or until tender. Lift bunch from kettle, drain, serve hot stalks arranged parallel with sauce poured over them.

Mushroom-Pimiento Sauce:
1 can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1/2 cup milk
2 ounces pimiento cheese
Stir the milk into the condensed cream of mushroom soup and then add the pimiento cheese. Heat in a double boiler until the cheese melts, and then pour over the asparagus. Serves 6.

On the other hand, if the first course is jellied consommé, chilled tomato juice or fruit cup, follow along with a hot main dish or maybe a hot vegetable casserole.

Here is the recipe for a light soup that makes a fine beginning to a summer meal:

Chicken Noodle And Celery Soup

- 1 can condensed chicken noodle soup
- 1 can condensed celery soup
- 2 cans milk (using the soup can for a measure.)

Combine the chicken noodle and celery soups. Then add 2 cans milk, using the soup can for a measure. Heat, but to do not boil. Serves 5-7.

And for a hot main dish you will enjoy this, not only for its fine flavour but because it looks so savoury, thanks to its contrast of sizzling brown meat cakes on

white rice that has been mixed with green peppers and red condensed tomato soup.

Chopped Steak And Spanish Rice Casserole

- 2 tablespoons butter
 - 2 tablespoons green pepper, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons onion, chopped
 - 1 can condensed tomato soup
 - 3 1/2 cups cooked rice
 - 1 pinch pepper
- Melt the butter, add chopped green pepper and chopped onion and cook until soft. Then add the tomato soup, well-drained cooked rice, and pepper. Stir carefully until well mixed. Put into a casserole and arrange raw chopped steaks on the top.

Chopped Steaks: Mix together one pound ground round steak, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Shape into flat patties and put on the Spanish Rice. Put casserole under the broiler and broil the steaks first on one side and then the other. Serves 5-6.

Are You A Trespasser?

There are such a lot of ways of trespassing.

One way among women is edging in on each other's young men. It causes great heartburnings and great resentment, but sometimes it's a little excusable.

The temptation may be considerable; the man is (up to a point) a free agent; the other woman is welcome to do her best to defeat you.

But it's only fair to remind you—if you're that kind of trespasser—that man may resent having enjoyed flirting with you. He'll hate you equally for making him feel either a cad or conspicuous.

And what can we say for you, if you're the kind of trespasser who cuts in on other people's good stories? Or who pinches their

ideas and claims them for her own?

Is there any excuse in the world that can justify such an outrageous cut-in as luring away someone else's domestic "help"?

Or, come to that, someone's gem of a secretary. It's up to you to find your own workers—not steal other people's.

And oh, oh, do you trespass on parties? Do you ring up someone you've neglected who's giving one and say, "Darling, when can I see you?"

Do you say to some young man, "You know them well, you could easily take me along!"

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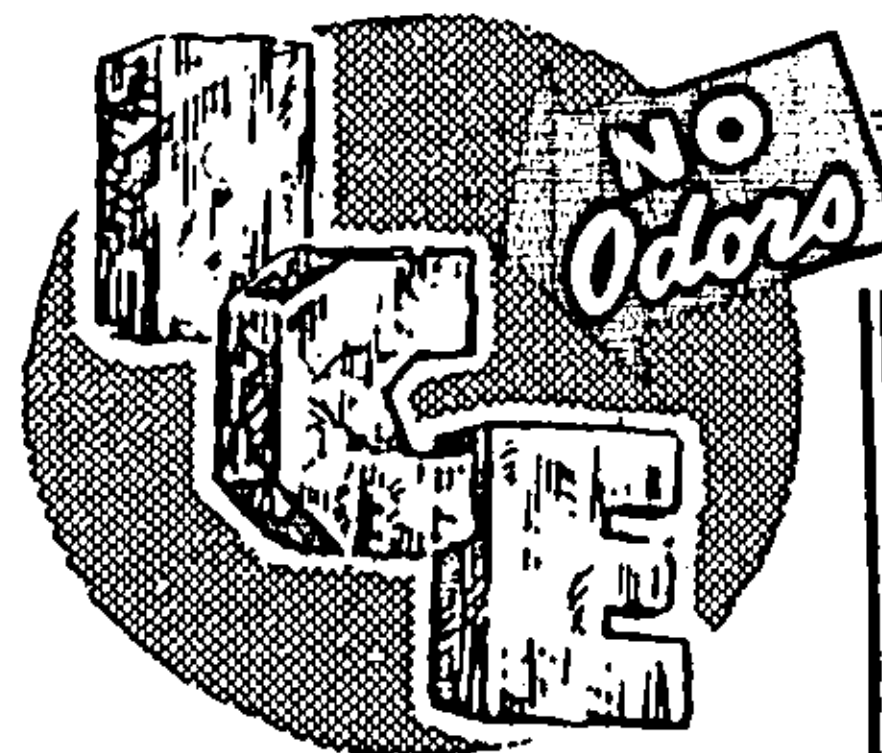
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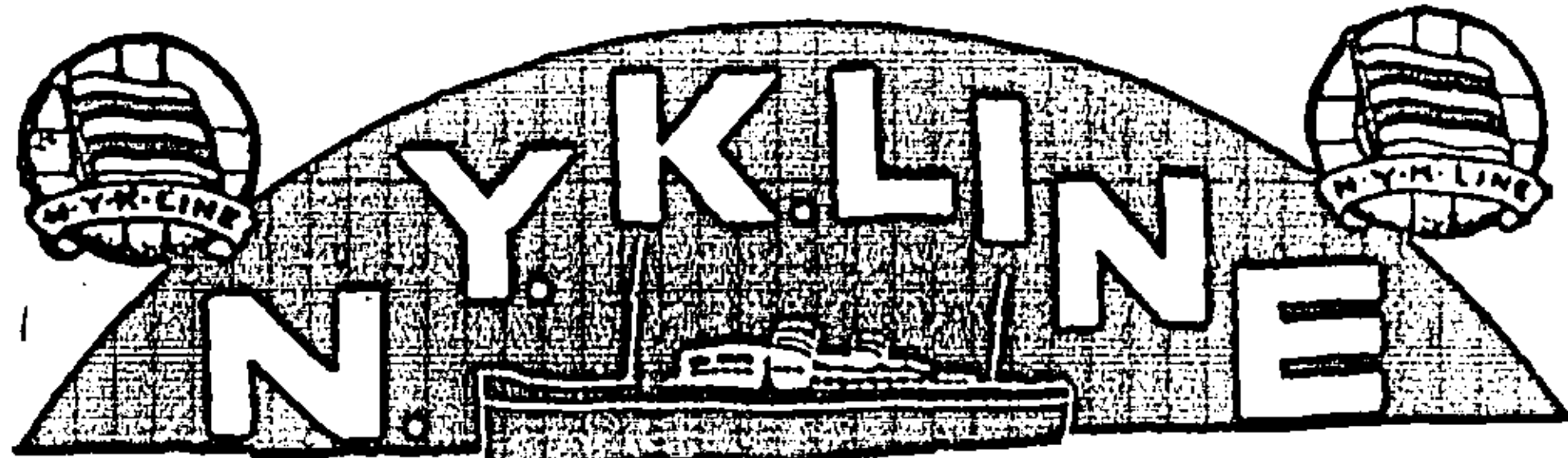
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Moszkowski Dances Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 (Arr. Petersen)... The Blue Hungarian Band.

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8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London—War Commentaries.

8.25 p.m.—London—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—Quilter—Three English Dances. The New Light Symphony Orchestra cond. by J. Ainslie Murray.

8.40 p.m.—Studio—"Some British Poets"—No. 5—Matthew Arnold. Father T. Ryan, S.J.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Studio—Review of New Records.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

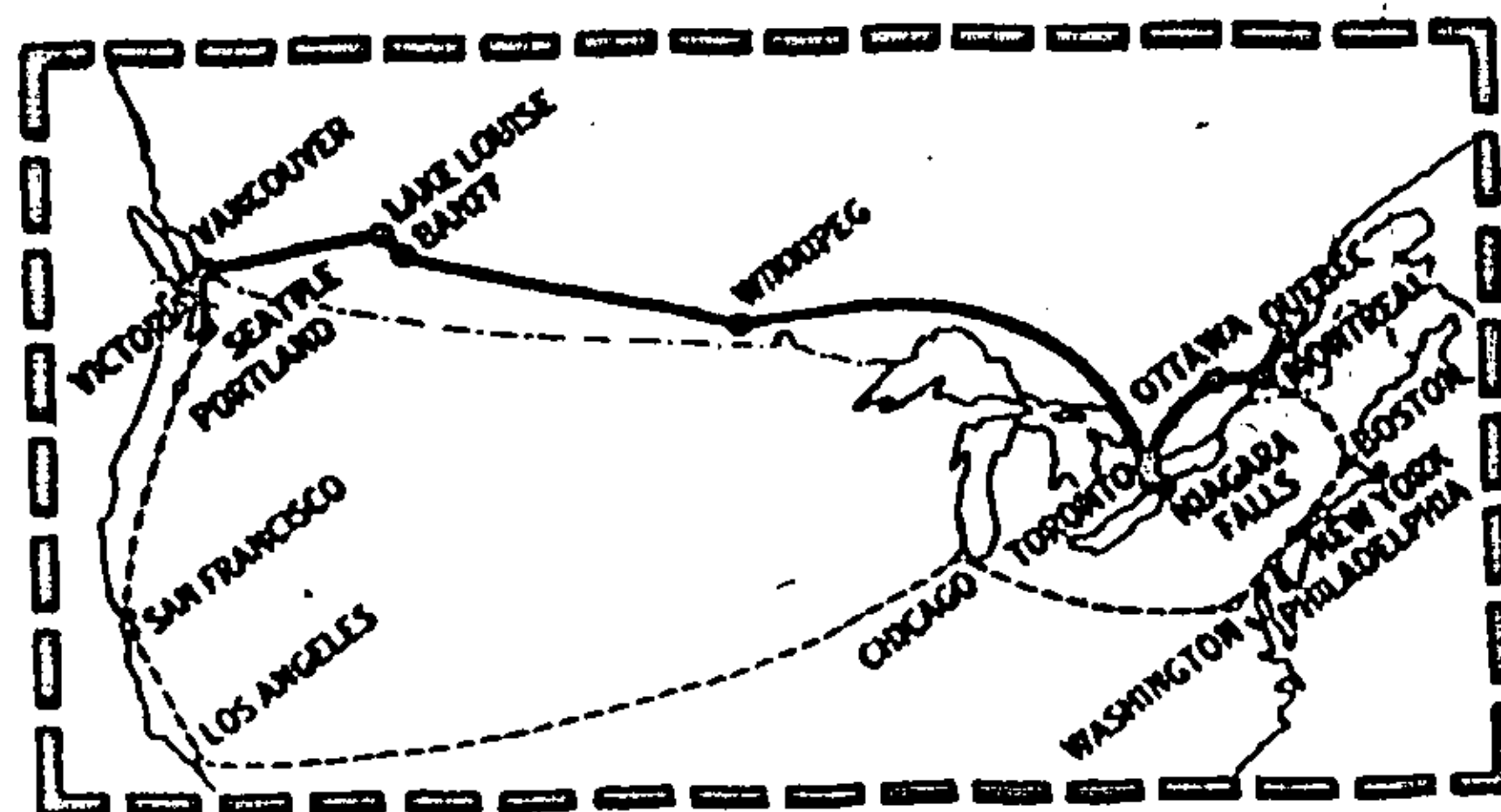
9.45 p.m.—Primo Scala's Accordion Band.

In a Gypsy Caravan (Butler & others).

Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton).

Six Hits Of The Day—Intro: Until You Fall In Love; All The Things You Are; Sleepy Lagoon; Memories Live Longer Than Dreams; I'm Stepping Out With A Memory Tonight; Meet The Sun Half-way.

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Despite the coercion of labour in occupied countries, Germany's output of 'planes has been overtaken by Britain and the Empire alone.

With American 'planes coming over in ever-increasing numbers, we are fast building up an Air Force which will overshadow Goering's Luftwaffe.

Bombers and still more bombers is now the slogan. We are building up a bigger striking force quicker than at one time seemed possible.

Plans are now in an advanced stage for the ferrying of fighter 'planes by a secret route.

American aircraft are exceeding British expectations.

The flying fortress, for instance, has not only shown itself to be everything claimed for it by the American designers but something more besides.

One of these machines has crossed the Atlantic in 8h. 45m.

The Air Minister, speaking in London said:—

"As our air strength grows, and it is beginning to grow fast, we will repay the Germans."

Reports from Emden on the effect of our new "beautiful" bombs say:

"The explosive used is fantastic. A bomb turned the whole of one quarter, with the exception of the Post Office, into a heap of ruins."

"Seventy houses were completely destroyed and twenty-five of these were just heaps of bricks. Although 200 houses were damaged, not including broken windows."

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STOCK EXCHANGE IRREGULAR

The London Stock Exchange encountered some irregularity yesterday. Gilt-edged, oils and Industrials receded slightly on profit-taking but there were signs of renewed provincial support of the last named, especially breweries and textiles, at the lower levels. Rubbers and teas were firmly held while Kaffirs responded well to Cape and local support, but diamonds met profit-taking. Japanese bonds receded but subsequently were supported. Wall Street was irregular.—Reuter.

ORGANISING THE WAR INDUSTRY

The satisfactory results of the concentration of industry were mentioned by the President of the Board of Trade in a Commons reply.

Sir Andrew Duncan said one result of the invitation last March to conclude an agreement for concentrations was that nearly 110,000 workers had been released or were being made available for release under arrangements in hand in industries concerned.

About 85 million square feet of factory space had been placed at the disposal of the Controller-General of factory and storage premises.

The period allowed for the submission of voluntary schemes had now come to an end.

In a number of lesser industries the result aimed at had been substantially achieved and gratifying progress had been made in large sections of the more important industries affected by the limitation of supplies or rationing of raw materials.

The Board of Trade, in conjunction with the interested department, was now hastening completion of these measures by themselves nominating nucleus firms.—British Wireless.

INDIA'S GROWING OUTPUT

INDIA'S WAR EFFORT HAS NEVER BEEN CONFINED TO THE NEEDS OF THE TROOPS ON HER SOIL, AND FOR MANY MONTHS THE PRODUCTS OF INDIA'S INDUSTRY HAVE GONE IN AN INCREASING STREAM TO OVERSEAS FORCES OF THE EMPIRE.

This point was made by Sir Mohamed Zafrullah Khan, Minister of Supply, in a broadcast from Simla yesterday.

Referring to munitions production he said India was indebted to the steel industry for the supply of armour plate which would progressively keep pace with the demands of its armoured fighting vehicles and would increase its total output by 33-1/3 per cent. very shortly.

India was now making five times as many guns as in peace time and intended to multiply the present production figure by eight.

An aircraft factory had been established which, if all went well, would grow into an aircraft industry, and shipyards were building large numbers of small craft from minesweepers to lifeboats.—Reuter.

PRACTICAL JOKE?

WHILE MOTORING IN TSUN WAN ON MONDAY NIGHT, MR. ALFRED MORRIS, FORMER COMMISSIONER OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE AND BRIGADE, FELT A SUDDEN JERK AS IF THE CAR HAD STRUCK AN OBJECT.

Bringing the car to a halt, he observed somebody moving in the dark. He later reported the incident to the Tsun Wan Police, who found a length of wire across the road, one end attached to a tree.

The police do not believe that it was an attempt to stop the vehicle, since the wire was not strong enough for such a purpose.

One theory is that someone was apparently preparing a practical joke on a friend travelling on a cycle.

CASE DROPPED

The case against Lee Woon-chung, 25, accountant of the Kai Chung-Hing Import and Export Firm, charged with a Breach of the Defence Regulations by attempting to export two cases of tin sheet without a permit, was dismissed by Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the Police offered no evidence. Inspector J. O'Donovan was in charge of the case.

DEATH OF POET AND ARTIST

Mr. Yang Yun-shih, well-known Chinese poet and former Secretary-General to the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu, passed away at the French Convent Hospital at 10 p.m. yesterday at the age of 67. He is survived by a wife, four sons and four daughters.

A native of Chungsu, Kiangsu, deceased was an expert in Chinese painting, drawing mainly plum blossoms. His writings were voluminous.

Following the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in July, 1937, he came to Hong Kong with his family and during the few years of his residence here he had taken part in various patriotic activities and given whatever assistance was needed in cultural work.

He had a stroke about three months ago and owing to his advanced age, his condition deteriorated steadily.—Central News.

FIREMEN ARRESTED

Two firemen attached to Mongkok Station, Leung Kam-chung, 30, and Yung Cheuk, 29, were each fined \$100 or two months' hard labour, by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson this morning for possession of instruments fit for an unlawful purpose yesterday.

First accused had an iron bar, while the second had two knuckle-dusters when they were arrested by Chief Detective Inspector A. E. Carey.

MEMBERS OF A TRIAD SOCIETY

Pleading guilty to being members of a Triad Society, Wu Wai-yung and Wu Hip-cheung, both 20, were sentenced to four months' and three months' hard labour respectively by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning. Both were recommended for banishment.

Chief Det.-Inspector A. E. Carey said accused were arrested on the evening of July 10 at No. 17, Tung On Street, third floor, headquarters of an unlawful society.

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Something Different---

THE "Overland China Mail," weekly edition of the "China Mail" and containing all local and Far Eastern news from the "Hong Kong Sunday Herald," has made a change in its policy in its present issue, to-day, 16th July.

In the past local and Far Eastern news has been contained in this edition, but as from to-day only local news will be published, covering a much wider field than hitherto.

The change has been prompted by local residents in Australia, and in order to give them complete coverage of local activities Far Eastern news has been sacrificed.

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MINDANAO CHALK UP FIFTH CONSECUTIVE WIN WHEN BEATING S. CHINA 11-1

By "Grandstand"

LOU POWLAWSKI'S MERRY MINDANAOANS CHALKED UP THEIR FIFTH CONSECUTIVE VICTORY WHEN THEY TRIUMPHED OVER SOUTH CHINA 11 TO 1 YESTERDAY AT RAILWAY CORNER.

Nam Hwa hurler Paul Lau showed decided improvement by limiting the cloud bumping maulers to only 10 blows, and struck out four in six frames, whilst mound victor Henry "Crooner" Ruel doled out three safeties, fanned three and walked three in four innings. Relief chucker Tony Mascavage pitched a no-hit, no-run ball for the rest of the tussle.

The Caroliners started off with a bang as Cecil Winglee thumped the horse-hide into deep left, but the relay beat him by a whisker to rob him of a three-bagger. Nelson Ma worked Ruel for a walk, made third on Hal Winglee's sacrifice dump, and deeded the counting station for the only South China marker as first-sacker Bob Strahl fumbled Ray Wilson's easy toss. Four solid blows, assisted by five expensive bingles, gave the Merry Mindanaoans a flying start of six tallies.

Sacks Soused

In the next frame, Nam Hwa had the sacks soused with only one away. Cecil Winglee rapped out a grass cutter to third, but Harry Chinn was forced out at the plate for the second erasure. Nelson Ma fanned the breeze to end the threat.

"DAI" BLACK PASSES

News has been received in the Colony of the death, in Plymouth, of Mr. F. W. ("Dai") Black, formerly of the Naval Dockyard here, and one of the greatest personalities in Hong Kong football circles for many years following his arrival here just after the outbreak of the last War.

Before coming East Mr. Black was regarded as one of the finest amateur full-backs in the West Country and was capped for Cornwall County and, later Devon County. He also played for Plymouth Argyle.

When Mr. Black played for Hong Kong Football Club (1915-1920) they were a very powerful team, but though they never won the League and Shield in the same season, they carried off both honours during his time.

Mr. Black leaves a widow, a son and daughter at home and a daughter, Mrs. J. J. King, in the Colony.

It is understood that Miss Pat Pascoe, who was amongst the successful candidates at the recent Matriculation Examinations, will be going up to the University after the Summer vacation, and will be joining the Medical Faculty. Miss Pascoe plays a useful game of football as well as hockey and should prove a useful addition to the ranks of the lady undergraduate sports-women.



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LEAGUE TABLE

TO DATE

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H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	2	.600
Asheville	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	2	3	.400
H.K. Baseballers	1	4	.200
South China	0	0	.000

Chalking up two in the second and fourth, and one in the sixth, the Mighty "M" clamped down the screws and blanked the Caroliners for the remainder of the scuffle.

Standing on the right side of the platter, gardener Earl "High-Jumper" Wilson parked Lau's first pitch into deep left for a triple, the longest blow of the day, the other extra-base clout being knocked in by Cecil Winglee.

E. Wilson, Lou Powlawski and Tony Mascavage connected for two safeties in four trips to the plate.

	H.	R.	E.
South China	1	0	0
Cecil Winglee	0	1	2
Nelson Ma	1	0	1
Hal Winglee	0	0	1
Jimmy Chung	0	0	2
C. W. Ng	0	0	1
Harry Chinn	0	0	1
Pat Wong	0	0	1
David Lo	1	0	0
Ernie Moy	0	0	0
Paul Lau	0	0	0

	Totals	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1
Runs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Hits	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
U.S.S. Mindanao									
E. Wilson									
Ken Kennard									
Henry Ruel									
Lou Powlawski									
Tony Mascavage									
R. Wilson									
Bowersox									
Bob Strahl									
Groneck									
Moore									
Totals		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3
Innings		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1
Runs		6	2	0	2	0	1	0	11
Hits		4	2	0	3	1	0	0	10

TO-DAY'S GAME

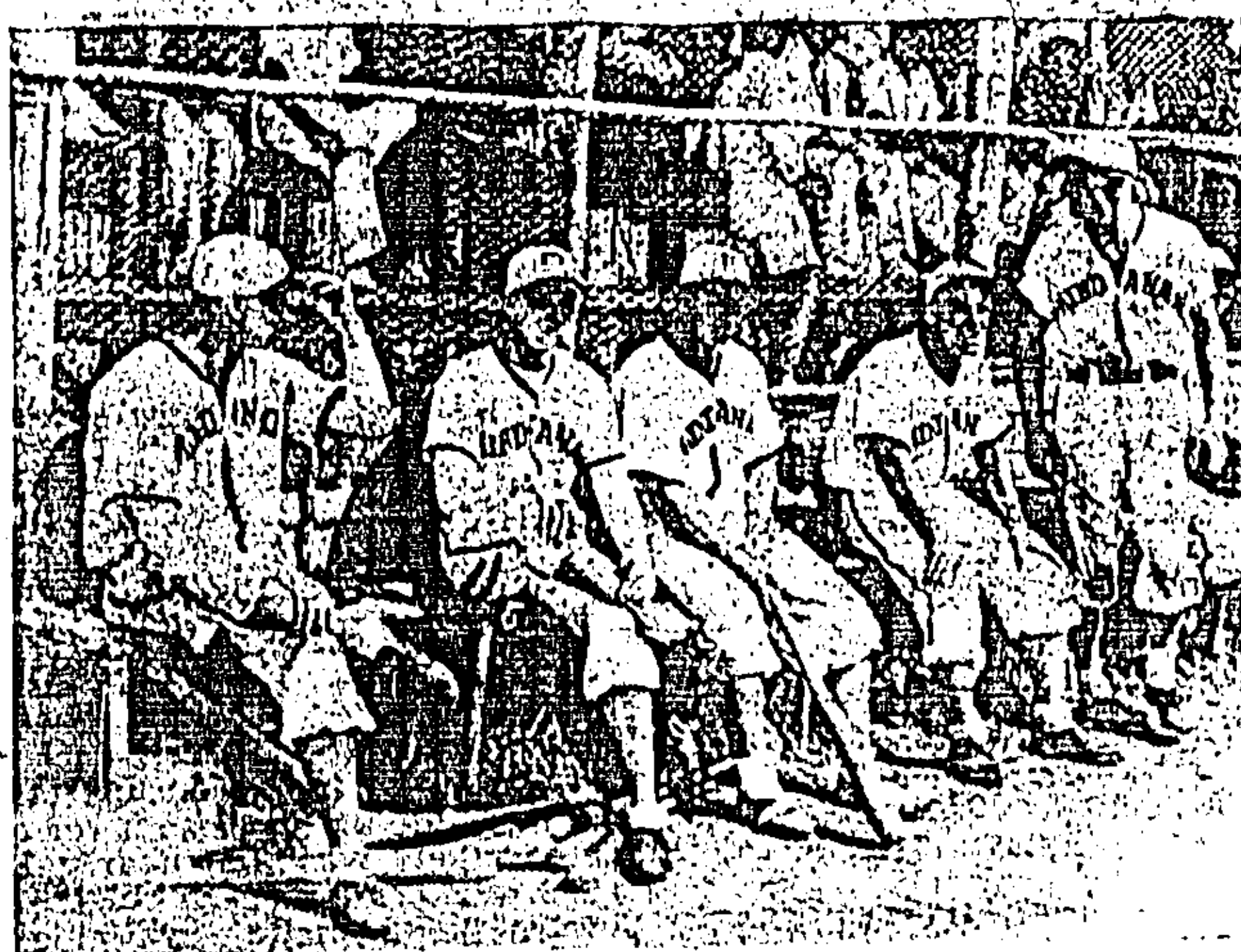
In order to ease the schedule, Hong Kong Baseballers and Royal Engineers have arranged to play off their second round fixture today at 5.15 p.m. at Railway Corner.

Umpires selected for this tilt are Hal Winglee, Stan Leonard and Nip Lum.

DID YOU KNOW?

Christy Mathewson once pitched 68 consecutive innings for the New York Giants without giving a base on balls.

Hong Kong Baseball Club is the only team in the League who are out in the field the shortest time, and on many occasions they are in position for fielding before their opponents have actually left the diamond.



U.S.S. Mindanao players all ready for the game against H.B. last Saturday. H.B., however, did not put in an appearance, following their notification to the Baseball League that they had only seven players, due to Volunteers, the call of business and illness. Their request for a postponement was refused by the League and H.B. have now withdrawn from the League.

CEYLON SWIMMING TIMES NOT UP TO HONGKONG STANDARD

IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR SWIMMING SEASON AT THE MOMENT, FOLLOWERS OF AQUATICS HERE WILL BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CEYLON HAVE JUST BEEN CONCLUDED AND THAT FOUR NEW MARKS WERE SET UP IN THE COURSE OF THE MEET.

In the 220 Yards free-style, A. F. Arndt covered the distance in 2 mins. 40 secs. to set up a new record. This compares unfavourably with the Hong Kong record of 2 mins. 25 secs, which W. Lawrence established in 1935. The present holder of the Colony title in this event is Chan Chun-nam, whose time last year was 2 mins. 32 1/5 secs.

The new Ceylon record of 69 2/5 secs., by A. Fairweather for the 100 Yards back-stroke is also behind the Colony mark of 68 4/5 secs., set up by Lau Poh-hei in 1936. Present holder of the Colony title is A. K. Rumjahn, who was clocked at 70 secs. last year.

In view of the fact that the V.R.C. Swimming Committee have decided to introduce the 220 Yards breast-stroke event into the programme at the forthcoming Colony Championships, it is interesting to note that the Ceylon record for this distance is 2 mins. 62 secs., set by D. C. Ingblon.

LEE WAI TONG WANTS TO PLAY FULL-BACK

Lee Wai-tong is anxious to play full-back for South China for a season, and if the composition of the champions' team permits he will probably be seen in this position during the coming season.

Lee has played several games in this position, but only when his side was defeated owing to injuries.

While on tour recently Lee played at left-back against United Services, when South China won by the only goal, and Lee says he thoroughly enjoyed that game.

who equalled his own record at this meeting.

The other record broken during the Ceylon Championships was in the 150 Yards back-stroke, an event not included in the Colony Championships, when A. Fairweather covered the distance in 1 min. 52 1/5 secs.

Of particular interest to Hong Kong is the fact that Sir Andrew Caldecott, Governor of Ceylon, and former Governor of Hong Kong, and Lady Caldecott were interested spectators at the Championships, and that Lady Caldecott distributed the prizes at the conclusion of the swimming.

JESSE OWENS, TRIPLE OLYMPIC WINNER, HAS SENSE OF HUMOUR

California track enthusiasts—especially Stanford undergrads and alumni—are keenly interested in the news from Ohio State University that Jesse Owens is preparing himself for an attempt to lower Ben Eastman's world record of 40.4 for the 440 yards.

While recognizing that this is a hard record to break, Californians will not be surprised if the triple-Olympic winner is successful, as opinion seems unanimous that he could lower the mark if he prepared himself properly for the event.

Mention of Owens brings to mind the incident during the broad jump competition at the Berlin Olympics which proved that the great Jesse has a keen

FINE FEATS BY CHINESE SWIMMERS

SOME BRILLIANT PERFORMANCES WERE WITNESSED AT THE SWIMMING TRIALS HELD AT CHINESE BATHING CLUB LAST SUNDAY.

Tsui Hang swam the best race, fully extending the renowned Ng Nin in the 60 Metres free-style, and being beaten by only a touch. In another heat Johnnie Tai, a newcomer from Residents' Association, put up a good show to beat veteran Robert Chan.

Charles Huang also swam well, and returned the best time of 64-3/5 secs. for the 50 Metres free-style.

New Stroke Applied

A feature of the breast-stroke heats was that several swimmers, who used the old stroke last year, adopted the new butterfly stroke to advantage. Ng Nin was easily the best, whilst Tsang Cheong-ming, Lai Tsun ace sprinter, also used the butterfly-stroke all the way to beat the former Colony champion, Enrique Chan, the latter employing the new stroke for the last 10 yards.

The leading Chinese back-strokers, Poon Wing-kai and Lau Yiu-ting, won their respective heats, though the former only just managed to beat Shek Kam-pui who missed a turn.

One Upset

The only upset in the Ladies' events was the surprising performance of Miss Ho Wai-king, who swam remarkably well to beat Miss Ko Miu-ling, the favourite, in the 50 Yards free-style.

Miss Lily Sadick and Lee Pui-luen won the back-stroke and breast-stroke events respectively.

RINK RESULTS AT HONG KONG F.C.

Following are the latest First Round results in the Rinks competition at Hong Kong Football Club:

A. McAlpine, F. Anslow, B. I. Bickford and K. S. Robertson (skip) beat J. I. Barnes, K. Forrow, R. P. Shaw and J. A. R. Selby (skip).
C. J. Lodge, G. I. Shaw, G. E. Stephens and A. Brooksbank (skip) beat C. Carr, H. V. Pearce, H. Gelling and H. G. Wallington (skip).
A. Bailey, A. G. Gratton, A. Watson and W. Gill (skip) beat J. M. Thomson, J. Hempsey, S. Strange and N. J. Bebbington (skip).
A. B. Coleman, J. Skinner, J. D. Thomson and L. de Rome (skip) beat G. Milne, C. B. Robertson, B. A. Mansell and C. F. Needham (skip).

KOWLOON C.C. RESULTS

Following are the results to date of games in the lawn bowls tournament of Kowloon Cricket Club:

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Second Round: R. S. Meadows, received a walk-over from J. Coles; N. A. E. Mackay beat A. J. Kew; T. A. Madar beat A. H. Martin; A. E. P. Guest beat E. Curtis; A. E. Perry beat R. Leigh; H. Overy beat J. M. Jack.

TYRO COMPETITION
Second Round: A. E. P. Guest beat S. A. Gray; F. A. Fabel beat E. Abraham.

HANDICAP SINGLES
First Round: W. M. Gittins (plus 4) beat E. J. Spradbury (plus 6); N. A. E. Mackay (plus 2) beat E. Abraham (plus 12).

HANDICAP DOUBLES
Second Round: J. W. Burman and N. A. E. Mackay (plus 5) beat C. J. Tacchi and A. Zimmermann (plus 8).

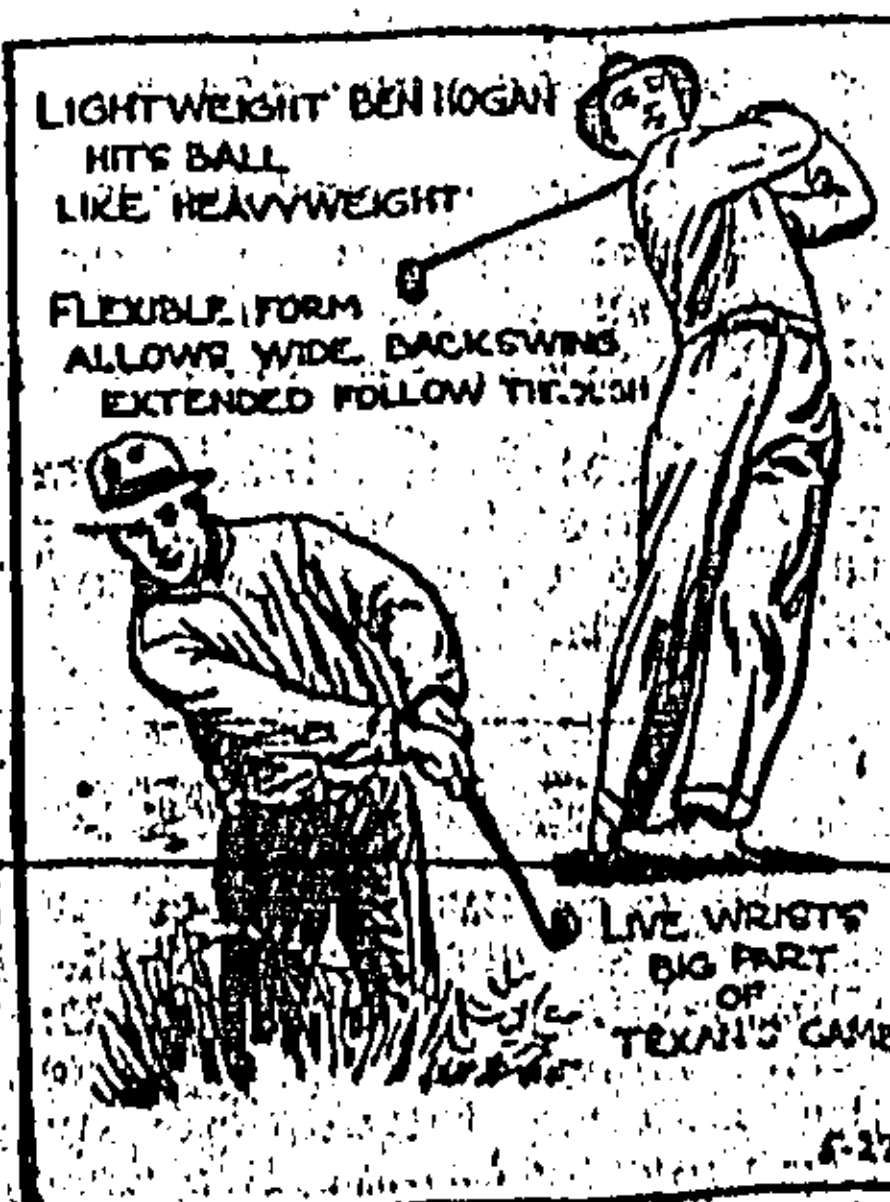
The first meeting of the new Council of Hong Kong Football Association will be held today at the Association's offices at 5.30 p.m. Among the items on the agenda are the appointment of the Appeals Board, the Emergency, Referees' and Grounds Committees, the election of the Hon. Secretary and consideration of the applications of new Clubs.

EASIER GOLF

LIVE WIRE WRISTS By Best Ball

Ben Hogan's wiry body allows him one of the most complete swinging arcs in the game; not only a wide backstroke but an extended follow through. The result is distance, as much yardage in fact as much heavier pros. Despite his wide arc, Hogan is accurate and narrow fairways hold no terrors for him.

Much of Hogan's lashing stroke is directly attributable to his live wrists. Because of his complete windup, he must start unleashing his wrist cock sooner than the more abbreviated swinger. Yet so carefully has Hogan gauged the action, in the hitting area, that the final punch does not take place until impact is reached. This swing through is smooth and Hogan makes no attempt to stop the club but allows the momentum to carry it well over this left shoulder as illustrated. Carrying the finish through in



Next Article: Gaining Loft Quickly.

EASTERN PLAYERS WANT TO STAY IN AUSTRALIA

FOOTBALL CLUB BOWLS CHANGES

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB ARE MAKING A FEW CHANGES IN THEIR SECOND DIVISION LAWN BOWLS TEAM FOR SATURDAY.

K. S. Robertson retains the same four, but in Gill's rink Selby comes into the team as No. 3 to take the place of Mansell, who goes to the same position to Stephens in Third Division. In Macfarlane's rink J. D. Thomson, No. 3 to Graver in Third Division last week, has been promoted to the same position in place of Needham, who is not playing this time.

In Third Division Ralston's four remains unchanged. C. B. Robertson takes the place of the promoted Thomson as No. 3 to Graver and as a result of Mansell coming in as No. 3 to Stephens this week, Bickford, who was playing in that position last Saturday, moves up to No. 2 in place of Gratton, while T. H. Pearse comes in as lead vice Carr, Gratton and Carr being absentees this time.

One Police Change

Police Recreation Club are making no changes in the composition of their senior team against Recreio "A" this Saturday, while in Third Division the only change from the team that put up the huge score of 105 against Recreio last week is in Macdonald's rink, Smith coming in as No. 2 in place of Headridge, who is not playing this Saturday against Electric R.C.

Following are the selected teams:

POLICE R.C.

First Division (v Recreio "A" Home)
W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall and J. Shepherd (Skip).
C. H. Gough, C. Pile, G. Perkins and W. Muir (Skip).
E. O. Post, J. Forrest, J. Orem, and J. C. S. Fender (Skip).
Third Division (v Electric R.C. Away)
L. C. Pennell, A. J. Johnson, F. Channing and A. E. Carey (Skip).
A. Soutar, W. M. Smith, S. Nolan and J. Macdonald (Skip).
J. E. Hayward, J. Riddell, J. McWalter and J. Aiken (Skip).

HONG KONG F.C.

Second Division (v Kowloon C.C. Home)
A. B. Coleman, J. S. Howell, J. A. R. Selby and W. Gill (Skip).
A. Watson, J. Gelling, J. D. Thompson and W. Macfarlane (Skip).
R. P. Shaw, H. V. Pearse, A. Brooksbank and K. S. Robertson (Skip).
Third Division (v Club de Recreio Away)
T. H. Pearse, B. I. Bickford, B. A. Mansell and G. E. Stephens (Skip).
K. Forrow, F. Flippance, C. B. Robertson and G. S. Graver (Skip).
A. Bailey, J. Russell, S. Strange and J. Ralston (Skip).

S. Leonard and J. H. Xavier beat W. J. Curd and S. Solina respectively in the First Round of the Junior Singles Lawn-Bowls competition of Craighower.

Yale's Athletic Association has announced the election of Vincent W. Carpenter of Minneapolis, Minn., as captain of the University's 1942 track team. He excelled as a hammer thrower. A trophy for pole vaulting prowess went to Edward R. Mascombe of Rochester, N.Y.

JOE DIMAGGIO MAKES BASEBALL HISTORY

Lean, swarthy Joe DiMaggio, greatest hitter in the major leagues to-day, reached his greatest pinnacle of fame on July 3, when he broke the 44-year-old record established by Willie Keeler, greatest of Brooklyn's all-time stars, for hitting in consecutive games.

Joe broke the record the hard way and in a blaze of glory that fans will long remember. Earlier in the game, Joe slashed one of Harold Newsome's offerings deep into the outer gardens, but Stanley Spence raced back and snagged the drive to stop Joe's drive for permanent fame.

LEUNG CHUNG-WAN TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION

Owing to pressure of work, Leung Chung-wan, who managed the South China football team so successfully last season, has tendered his resignation, although members of the teams are requesting that he reconsider his decision.

Leung managed the team some years ago, and at the request of several of the older members of South China took over the management of the team last year, after most of the best players of the previous season had left them to join Sing Tao.

ENGINEERS WIN ARMY TENNIS TITLE

Royal Engineers won "A" Division of Army Tennis League when they beat 5th A.A. Royal Artillery in their last game yesterday at Bookunpoo by three clear points.

Sappers dropped only four points during the competition and finished up five points ahead of their nearest challengers, the Financial Adviser's staff.

Following are the scores:
Lieut. Pearce and Sgt. Lewis (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to S/Sgt. Ford and S/Sgt. Merson, 1-6, 1-6, 3-6.
Sgt. Coughlan and Bar. Mew (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Sgt. Denyer and Spr. Elsley, 0-6, 5-7, 3-6.
Sgt. Morgan and Lieut. Clague (5th A.A., R.A.), lost to Major D. C. E. Grose and S/Sgt. Mitchell, 4-6, 1-6, 3-6.

"B" Division Result

12th Coast Battery, R.A. beat Royal Army Service Corps "B" by three clear points in "B" Division of Army Tennis League.

Sgt. Scorey and Sgt. Shilaw (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Pte. Gilling and Pte. Tanner, 7-9, 6-4, 6-3.
L/Bdr. Paine and Gnr. Robertson (12th Battery, R.A.), beat Cpl. King and Cpl. Gardner, 6-3, 6-1.
L/Bdr. Manard and Cpl. Hewitt (12th Battery, R.A.), beat L/Cpl. Haigh and Pte. Woodward, 6-0, 6-1, 6-1.

Royal Engineers "B" received a walk-over from Royal Corps of Signals in this division.

Standings To Date

"A" DIVISION				
Team	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
R.E. "A"	27	23	4	23
F.A. Staff	27	18	9	18
R.A.M.C.	21	14	7	14
R.A.O.C.	18	12	6	12
5th A.A. Regt.	21	10	11	10
R.A.S.C.	21	9	12	9
R.A.P.C.	24	9	15	9
Royal Signals	21	7	14	7
I.M.S.	21	6	15	6
R.E. "B"	24	5	19	5

"B" DIVISION				
Team	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
12th Battery	12	12	0	12
24th Battery	21	12	9	12
R.A.O.C.	15	11	4	11
30th Battery	15	10	5	10
5th A.A.	15	8	7	8
Royal Signals	21	8	13	8
Royal Engineers	9	6	3	6
Middlesex	15	8	7	8
R.A.M.C. "B"	0	3	3	3
R.A.M.O. "A"	9	3	3	3
965th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.S.C. "B"	9	2	7	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	9	2	7	2

In the third inning, Jimmy Tabor stabbed at a smoking drive off Dimaggio's big bat, and again prevented the Yankee star from cracking Keeler's record.

In the fifth inning, however, Dimaggio again faced Newsome, and there was no denying the Yankee hitter this time. Dimaggio smashed out a tremendous four-bagger that shot through the air like a cannon-ball for 400 feet.

Dimaggio crossed the home plate just a few feet behind big Red Rolfe, who had been camped on the base-paths when Dimaggio collected his homer. The partisan crowd in the stands went wild as players from both clubs clustered around Dimaggio to congratulate him on his feat.

ENTER AS TEAM NEXT SEASON?

Eastern Football team beat Coalfields at Cessnock by 5 goals to 3 yesterday.

The members of the Chinese team are so taken up with Australia that they are seeking the consent of the Commonwealth authorities to remain there and play in competitions as a team next season.

Some have gone as far as to say they would like to open up business there.—Reuter.

Tour Results

Following are the results of matches played to date:—
lost to New South Wales 4-6
beat a Sydney South Coast team 4-2
beat Northern District 5-3
beat Granville 7-4
beat Victoria 7-2
beat S. Australia 9-1
beat S. Australia 4-1
beat Wagga 13-0
won First Test (at Melbourne) 6-4
lost Second Test (at Sydney) 2-4
won Third Test (at Sydney) 5-2
beat Coalfields 5-3

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Third Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

C.D.R. v. H.K.U.T.C.
A.T.C. v. C.O.C.
K.T.G.C.A. v. S.C.A.A.
K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
C.R.C. (2) v. K.I.T.C.
C.D.R.—H. A. Noronha and G. A. Noronha; H. F. Gonsalves and A. E. Noronha; F. J. Remedios and J. J. Remedios.
K.T.G.C.A.—L. Chen and D. Kwok; A. H. Basto and K. M. Lee; S. Hsu and D. Chen.

I.R.C.—M. P. Madar and A. R. H. Esmail; M. A. Wahab and M. Hassan; A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell.
S.C.A.A.—J. Hsu and H. C. Kwok; K. H. Ip and S. Y. Li; K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong.

K.I.T.C.—S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain; Mahad Singh and S. A. M. Sopher; M. Ramzan and K. S. Mehal.
C.C.C.—J. W. Leonard and W. K. Lee; W. J. Howard and K. L. Woo; George Lai and A. Kitchell.

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played last night in the Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament:

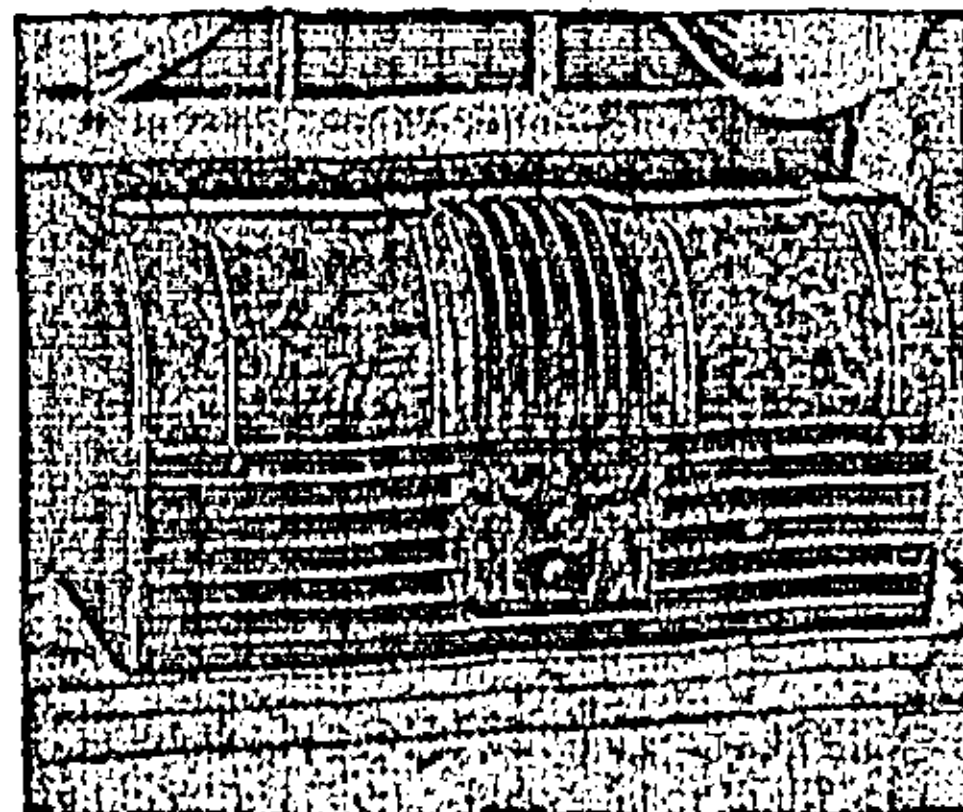
Navy 2 8th R.A. 1
(Paul 2, Rutter (Colthorpe).
2, Halfyard and Hoare).
Y.M.O.A. 7 Middlesex "B" 0
(Benn 2, May 2, Booker 2 and Maynard).
Y.M.C.A. 6 R. Scots "B" 2
(R. Goldman 3, Maynard, Roberts and May). (Bankier and Glammer).
Middlesex "A" 7 Combined Small Units 0
(Jennings 3, Dinnon 2 and Hymas 2).
Signals 9 30th R.A. 0
(Allen 5, Fletcher 2, Bennett and Hunt).

League Table To Date

					Goals				
Team	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.		
Signals	13	13	0	0	72	8	26		
Y.M.C.A.	14	12	2	0	70	16	24		
Middlesex "A"	12	11	1	0	67	8	22		
R. Navy	12	9	3	0	52	26	18		
R. Scots "A"	15	9	6	0	47	33	18		
Combined Small Units	15	8	6	1	40	46	17		
8th Regt. R.A.	11	5	4	2	28	36	12		
R. Navy "C"	13	5	6	2	32	41	12		
Middlesex "B"	10	4	6	0	24	33	8		
6th A.A. Regt.	12	3	7	2	29	35	8		
R. Navy "B"	10	2	8	1	12	45	5		
965th Bty. R.A.	12	0	10	2	17	61	2		
Royal Scots "B"	10	0	9	1	9	43	1		
30th Bty. R.A.	11	0	10	1	14	57	0		

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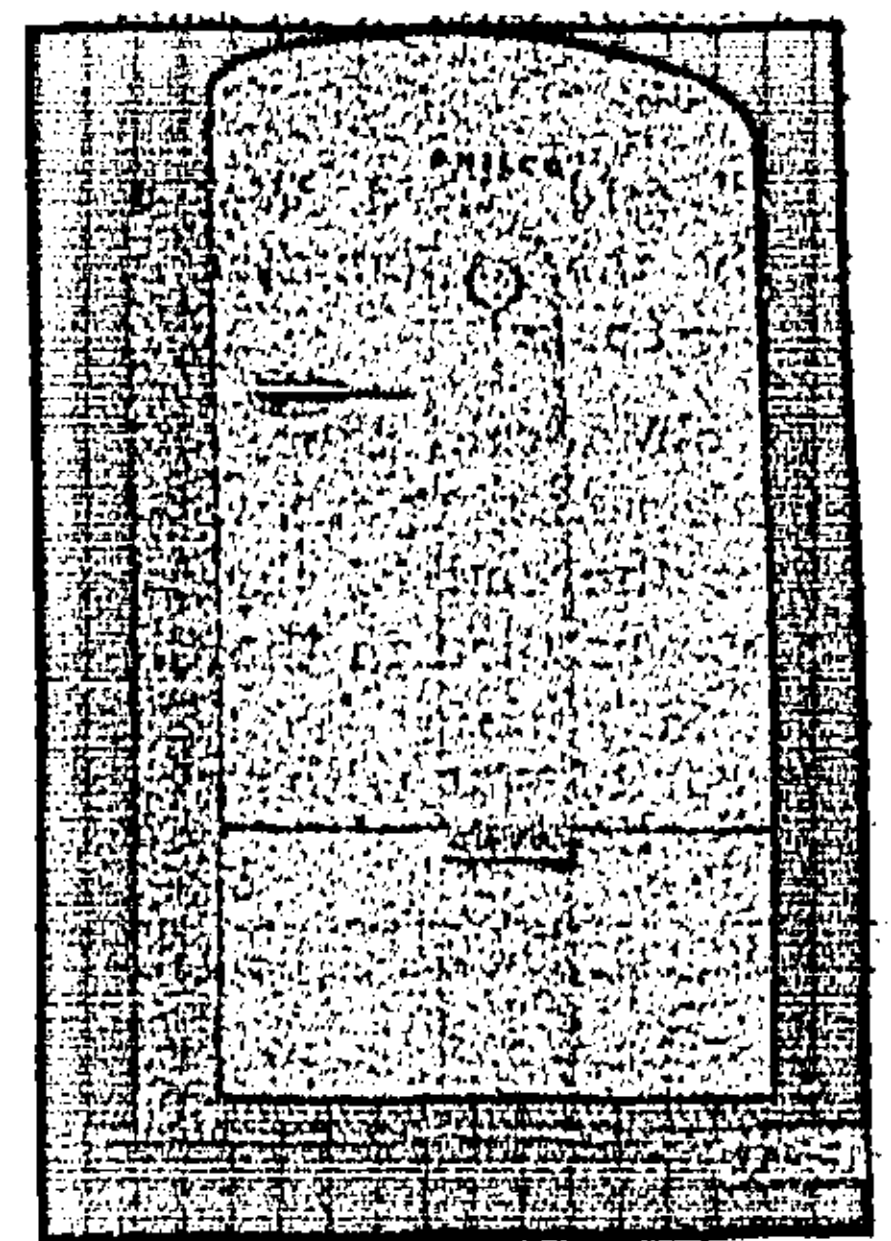
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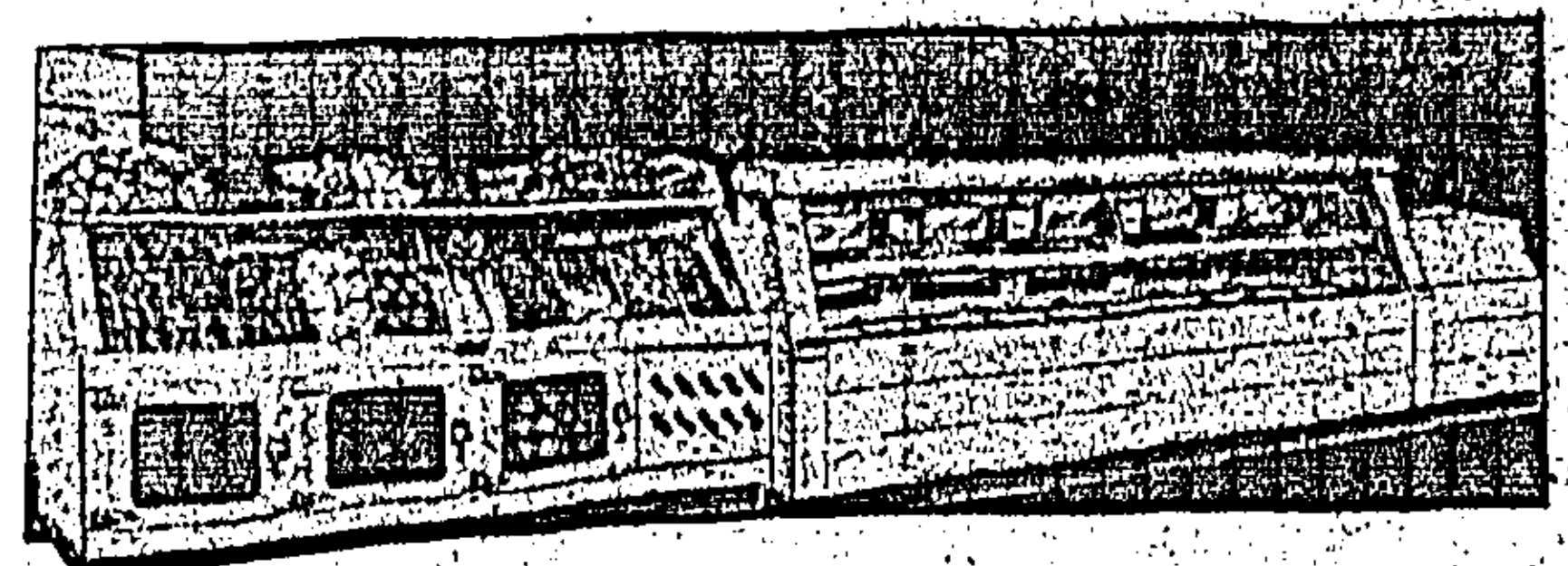
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BLITZ ATTACKS ON BREMEN AND HANOVER

Tons Of New Bombs Dropped On Both Areas

YELLOW BOOK VEIL LIFTED

Lord Woolton, the Food Minister, yesterday lifted the veil of secrecy which has hung over the yellow ration book issued in conjunction with the new edition of the ordinary ration book recently.

Hitherto the purpose of this yellow book had been unknown to the general public.

Lord Woolton told the House of Lords that America was going to provide Britain with a greater variety in diet but these new foodstuffs would have to be equally distributed.

"That," said Lord Woolton, "is partly the explanation for the yellow book."

Lord Woolton said there were fewer people suffering from malnutrition at the end of the second year of war than in the days of peace, and Britain could face the third year of war with "much confidence."—Reuter.

Terrific Effects Of Explosions

INDUSTRIAL AREAS IN BREMEN AND HANOVER WERE HEAVILY ATTACKED BY R.A.F. BOMBERS ON MONDAY NIGHT, SAYS AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

Many tons of high explosive and thousands of incendiaries were dropped on both cities.

Extensive fires were started and considerable damage done in the docks at Bremen and among industrial buildings in Hanover.

Several other targets in north-western Germany were also bombed.

A small force of aircraft attacked the docks at Rotterdam.

Five British aircraft are missing.

It is now known that during the operations on Sunday night an enemy fighter was shot down by one of the British bombers.

Immense Flashes

Pilots who dropped Britain's most powerful bombs during Monday night's attack on north-west Germany report they exploded with "immense flashes," states the Air Ministry news service.

AT HANOVER, THE DESTRUCTION AND BLAST CAUSED BY THESE SHATTERING WEAPONS MUST HAVE BEEN

SPREAD OVER A GREAT AREA.

Both at Hanover, and among the docks at Bremen, there were raging fires.

There was a vicious barrage through which the British bombers had to pass but, with shrapnel bursting round them and even when hit by flying fragments, they kept a straight course over the target.—Reuter.

RIBBY UP TO HIS TRICKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Germany wants peace in the west while the fight against Russia continues, it was reported in London yesterday, and Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is said to be engaged on a series of talks with German diplomats preparing a "generous peace" for Britain.

IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY, MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, CONFIRMED MAYOR LA GUARDIA'S STATEMENT THAT GERMAN AGENTS ARE SPREADING PEACE PROPOSALS AMONG WESTERN HEMISPHERE GROUPS.

Mr. Welles added, however, that "no official peace proposals have been put before the United States Government."

Mayor La Guardia described proposals calling for a "United States of Europe, with each nation autonomous except in economic and foreign policies, which would be German-controlled."

Mr. Welles called Mr. La Guardia's speech "timely and well stated." — International News Service.

SHANGHAI LABOUR TROUBLES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

SHANGHAI'S LABOUR FRONT CONTINUED IN THE NEWS WHEN AGITATING EMPLOYEES OF THE CHINA ELECTRIC CO. ATTEMPTED TO INCITE SHANGHAI TELEPHONE CO. WORKERS TO STRIKE.

As several other industries are tied up by labour disputes it is estimated that several thousand workers are now on strike in Shanghai. — International News Service.

SOVIET TO GET U.S. AID

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

American and Russian officials have nearly reached agreement on a substantial aid to Russia programme as Russian freighters make ready to sail from coast ports with the first shipments of machinery and other strategic materials.

Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State, yesterday conferred with M. Oumansky, Soviet Ambassador, on methods of speeding American goods for Russian war industries.

Officials of the Office of Production Management, the Army, Navy and other agencies have approved the release of \$10,000,000 worth of machinery to Russia.

American determination to aid Russia is reflected in the form of three measures.

First, the placing of war orders through the Amtorg Trading Co.

Second, the establishment of an American freight transport service to Vladivostok.

Third, the diversion of some

AIRMEN BLOT THE BLITZ

The Russian air force, according to a Moscow report, has taken the "blitz" out of the "blitzkrieg."

IT HAS FORCED A NEW "GO SLOW" POLICY ON THE NAZI PANZER DIVISIONS WHICH, INSTEAD OF CRASHING ON FAR AHEAD AND ALONE REGARDLESS OF WHAT OPPOSITION THEY LEAVE BEHIND, ARE NOW BEING PROTECTED AGAINST THE HEAVY CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE RUSSIAN AIR ATTACKS.

They are being escorted by slow anti-aircraft units which reduce their pace by more than half, and complicate transport and supply, and they are also constantly protected by swarms of Messerschmitt fighters. — Reuter.

British orders to Russia.

An Office of Production Management spokesman said materials would be shipped to Russia in a few days.—International News Service.

STOP PRESS

Despite severe losses in men and material the new German offensive is not going to plan as the result of the continued stubborn Soviet resistance, which has once again played havoc with Hitler's time table, according to latest reports received in London from Soviet and neutral sources.

The fury of the fighting all along the 2,000-mile front has not abated in the slightest, the reports indicate, but the Nazis are finding progress more and more difficult as they advance.

The Berlin correspondent of the Swiss paper "Gazette de Lausanne" infers the Germans are not so far ahead with the new offensive as is often suggested.

Latest war story issued by the official German news agency contains many contradictions.

It repeats the piercing of the Stalin Line and follows them up with accounts of fierce fighting in the Vitebsk area west of the Line.

A few days ago it said German

troops were almost at the gates of Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, but now mentions a battle between Jitomir and Berdichev, about 100 miles south-west of Kiev.—Reuter.

Confirmation was received in shipping circles this afternoon that the Japanese are still in occupation of Swabue.

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